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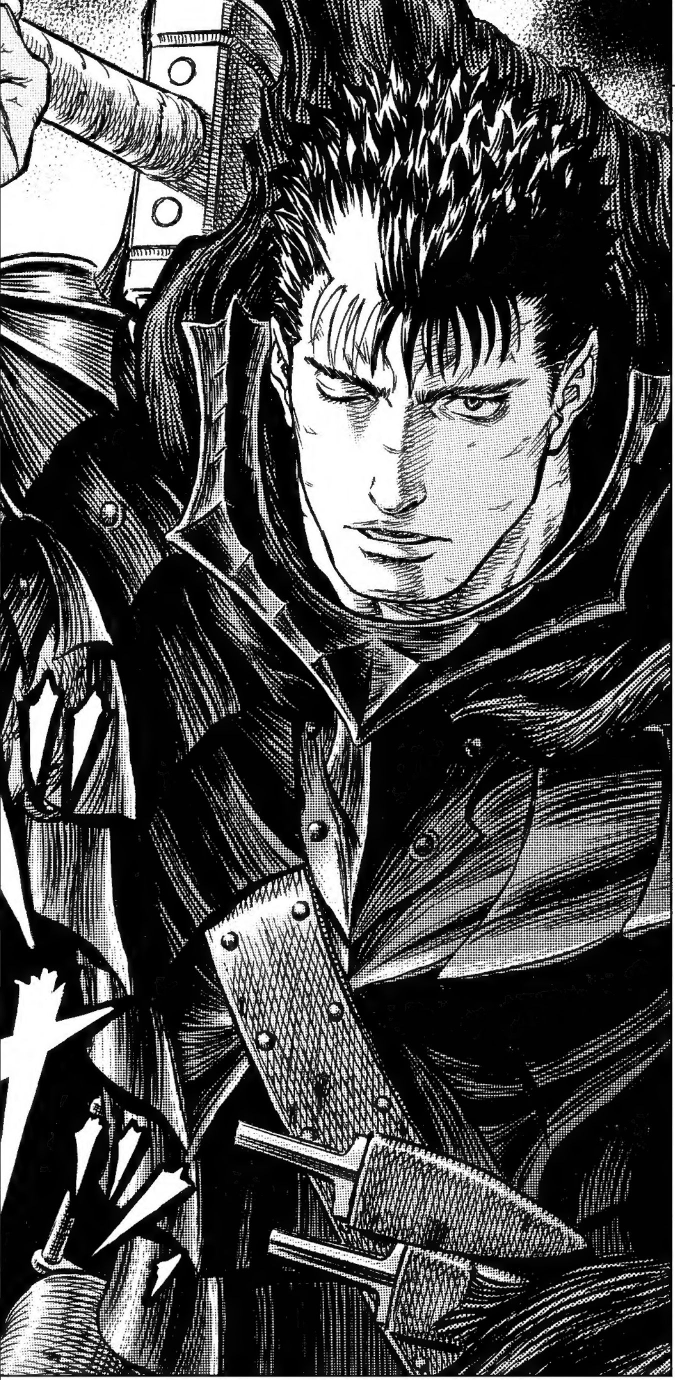
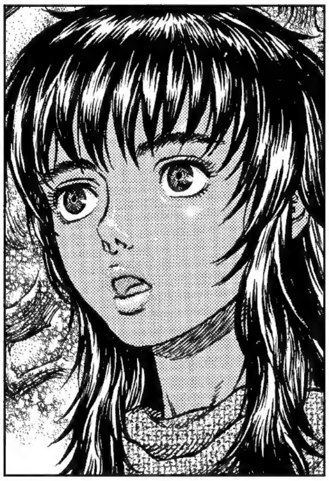


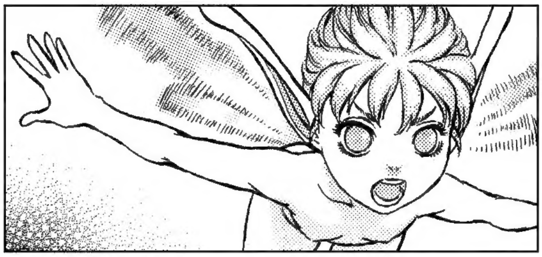
ガッツ *Guts*

The main character of the story, the Black Swordsman. He exists in the interstice, wears the Berserker armor, and his soul is constantly torn between protecting Casca and challenging Griffith. That struggle is nothing short of sublime.



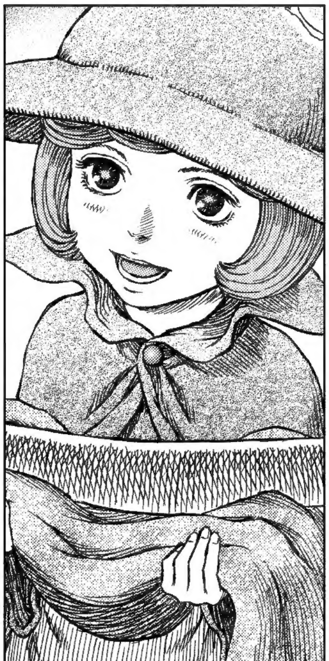
キャスカ *Casca*

Former unit commander of the Band of the Hawk; mentally regressed from her experience in the eclipse. She now neither speaks nor conveys any feelings. Her brand, which reacts to evil, is narrowly shielded by Flora's talisman.



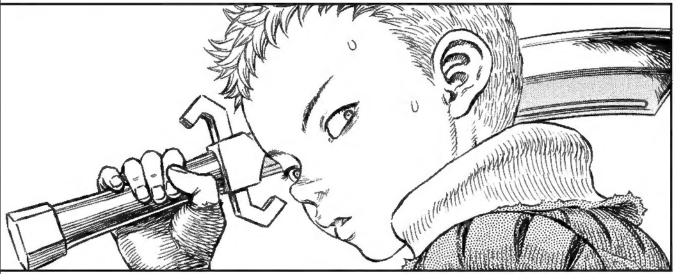
パック *Puck*

An elf who's long been with Guts on his journeys. His dust has the power to heal wounds. He confirmed that he's a wind spirit, and he also changes into Chestnut Puck.



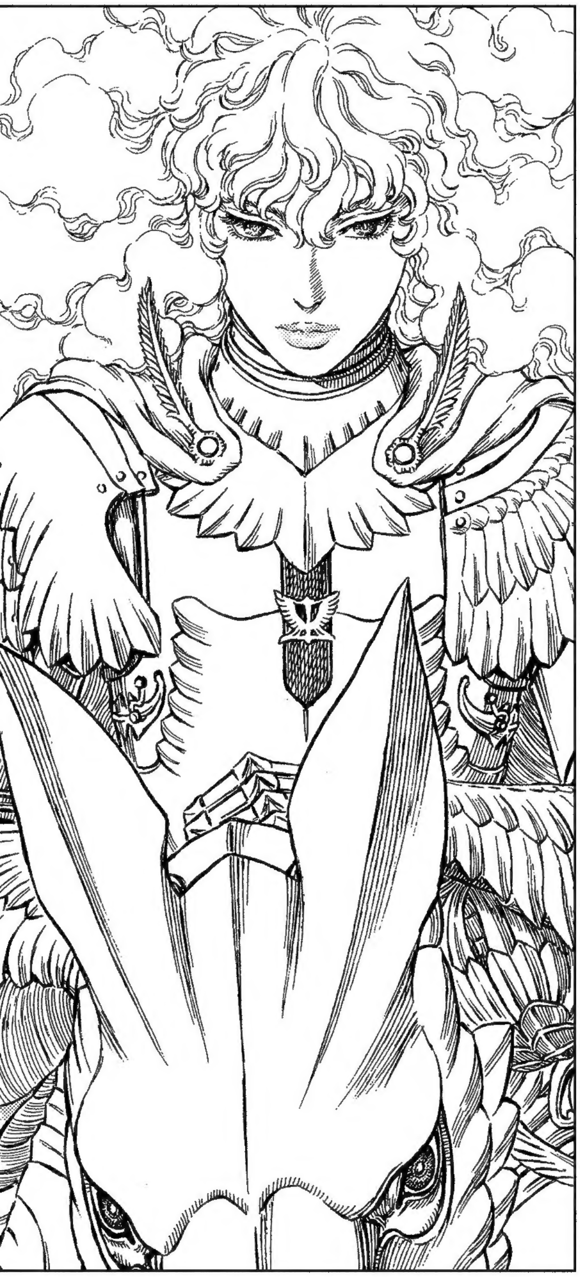
シールケ *Schierke*

Disciple of Flora, witch of the spirit tree mansion. She supports Guts and the others through her use of magic; however, among her spells are some beyond her mastery, which occasionally place her in great peril as she tries to aid her allies. She has a stilted side to her personality.



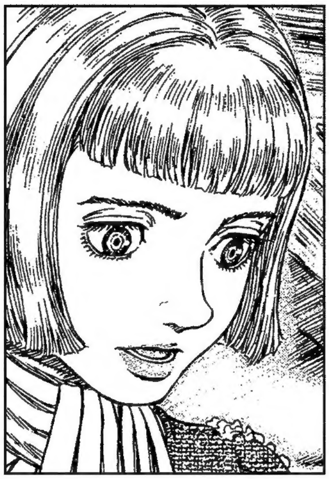
イシドロ *Isidro*

Dreams of being the "ultimate swordsman," but his actual talent, not up to snuff, repeatedly endangers him. Nevertheless, the boy endeavors toward his dream. He is currently equipped with a fetish granted the protection of fire elementals.



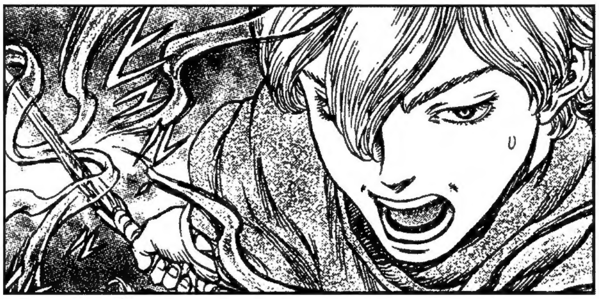
グリフィス *Griffith*

Through the eclipse of the Crimson Behelit, he was reborn as Femto of the Godhand. Later he was incarnated in the imitation eclipse catalyzed by the egg-shaped apostle, thus returning to the physical world, in which he became the “absolute,” without equal. He leads the reborn Band of the Hawk.



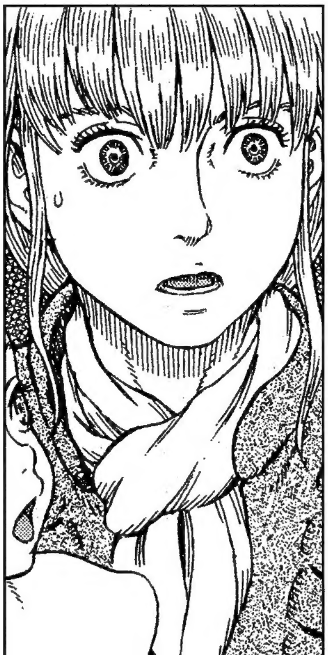
ファルネーゼ *Farnese*

Former commander of the Holy See’s Holy Iron Chain Knights, and daughter of the Vandimion family, one of influential status and wealth in the religious sphere. She seeks to learn from Guts her own means of survival, and about the reality of the world.



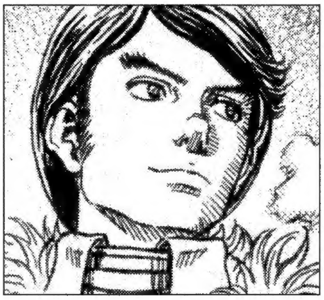
セルピコ *Serpico*

Attendant of Farnese, and actually her brother. However, Farnese is not aware of the blood relationship. He is skilled in fighting, and currently clad in a fetish granted the protection of wind elementals.



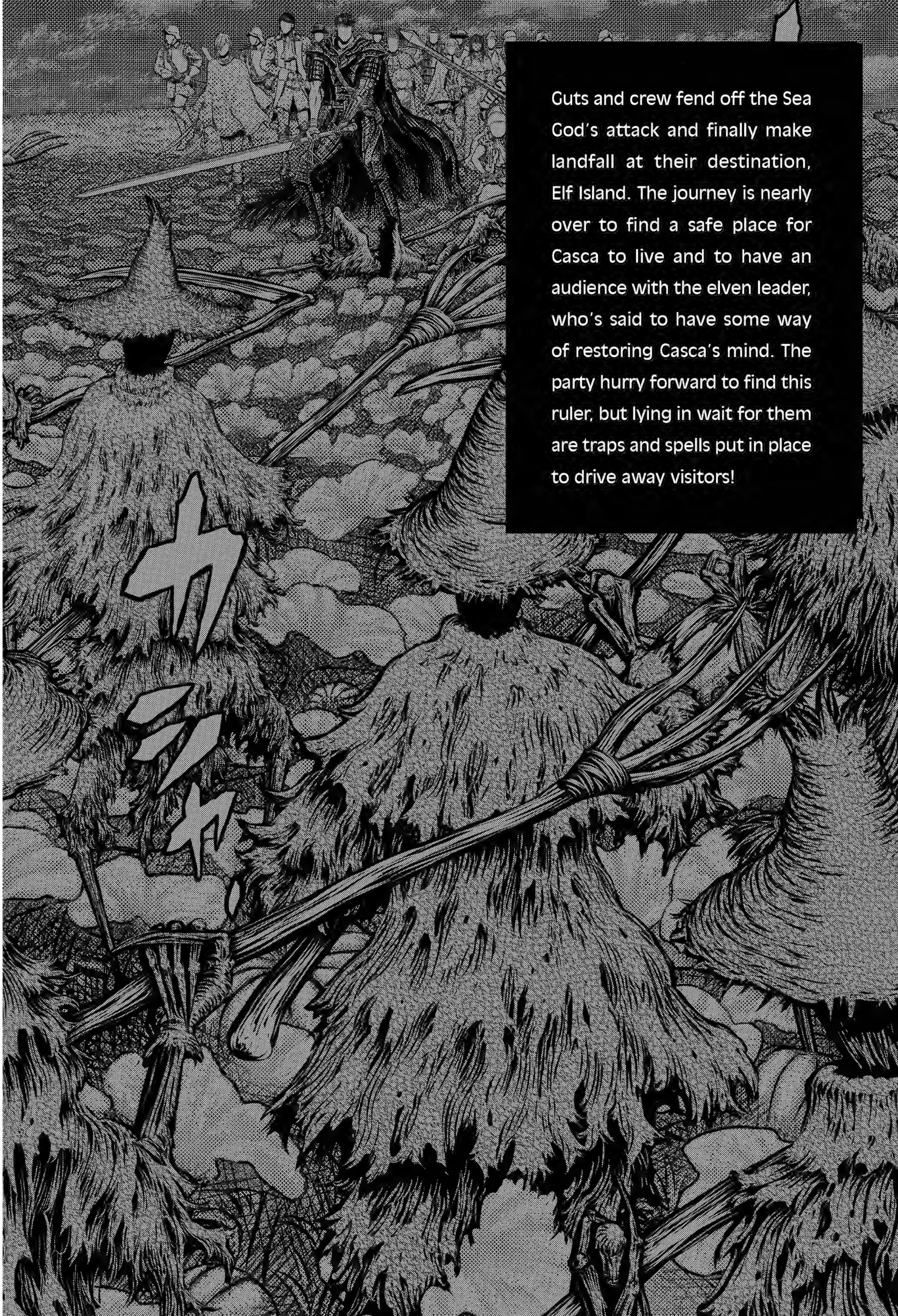
リッケルト *Rickert*

A former member of the Band of the Hawk. As he was not involved in the eclipse, he does not have a brand. He became the apprentice of the blacksmith Godo and has made weapons for Guts to use.



ロデリック *Roderick*

Captain of the naval vessel Seahorse and third in line to the royal throne of lith, a maritime power within the domain of the Holy See. He took Guts and the others to Skellig Island, where Elfhelm is located.



Guts and crew fend off the Sea God's attack and finally make landfall at their destination, Elf Island. The journey is nearly over to find a safe place for Casca to live and to have an audience with the elven leader, who's said to have some way of restoring Casca's mind. The party hurry forward to find this ruler, but lying in wait for them are traps and spells put in place to drive away visitors!

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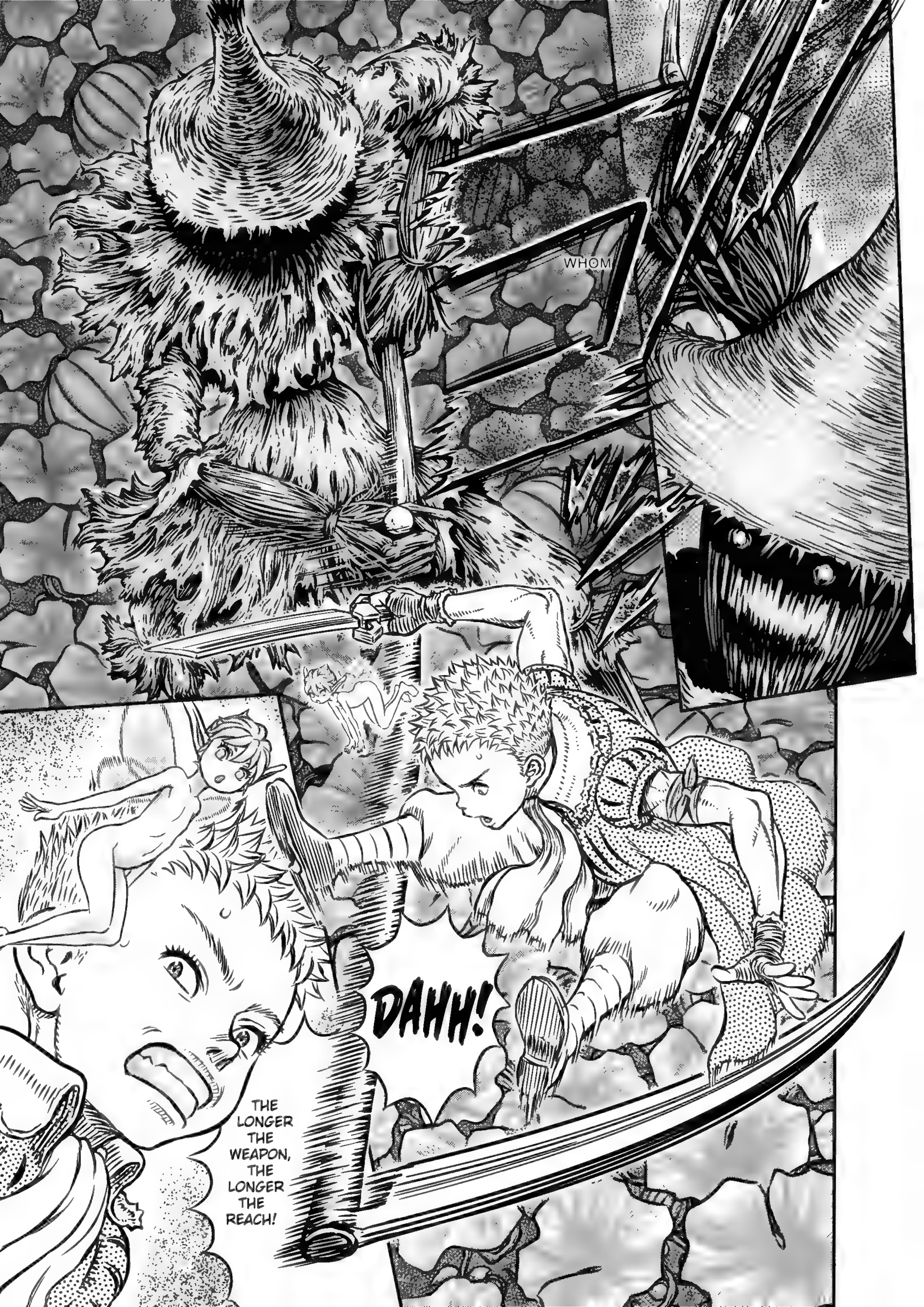
FLAME PUPPET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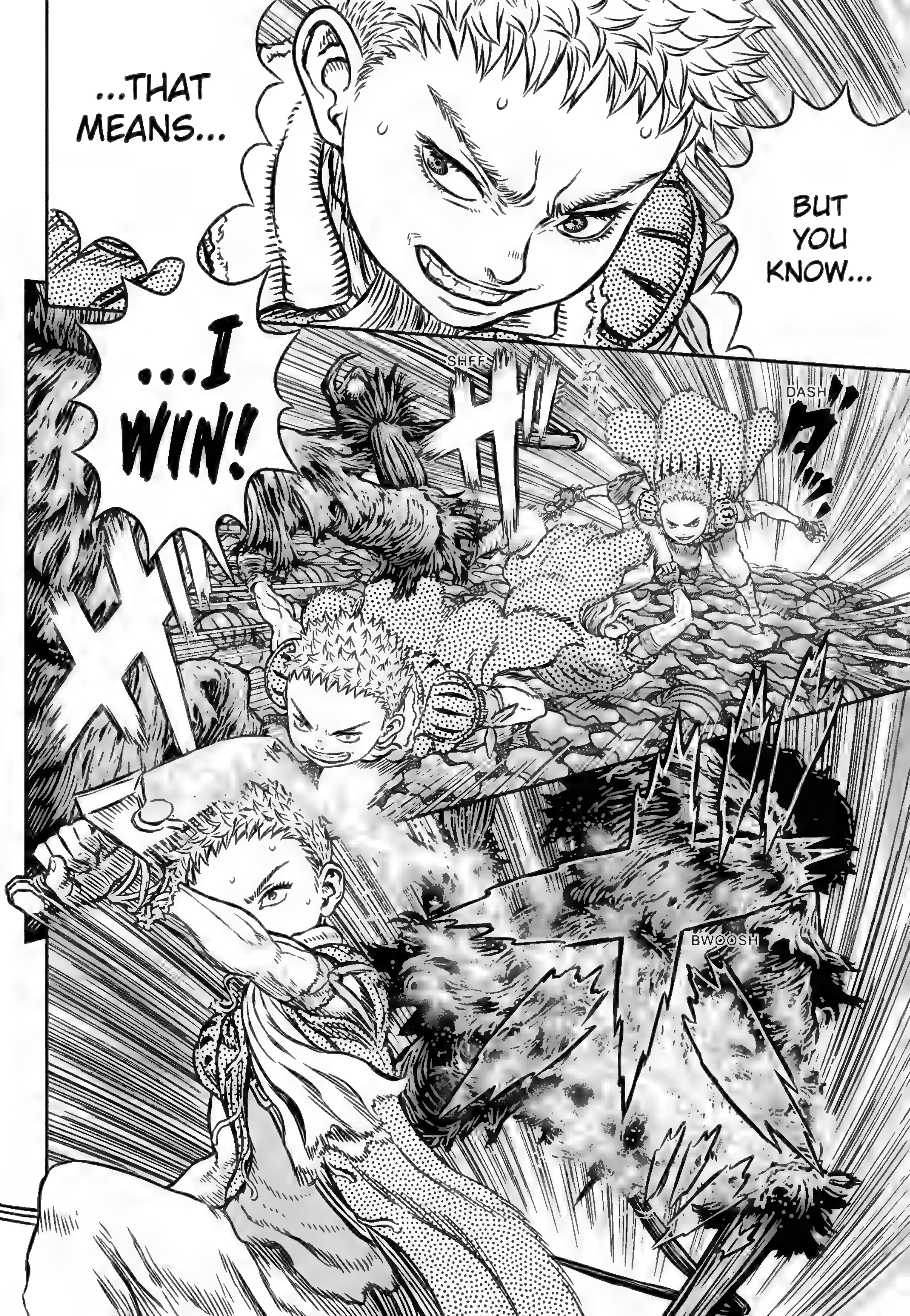
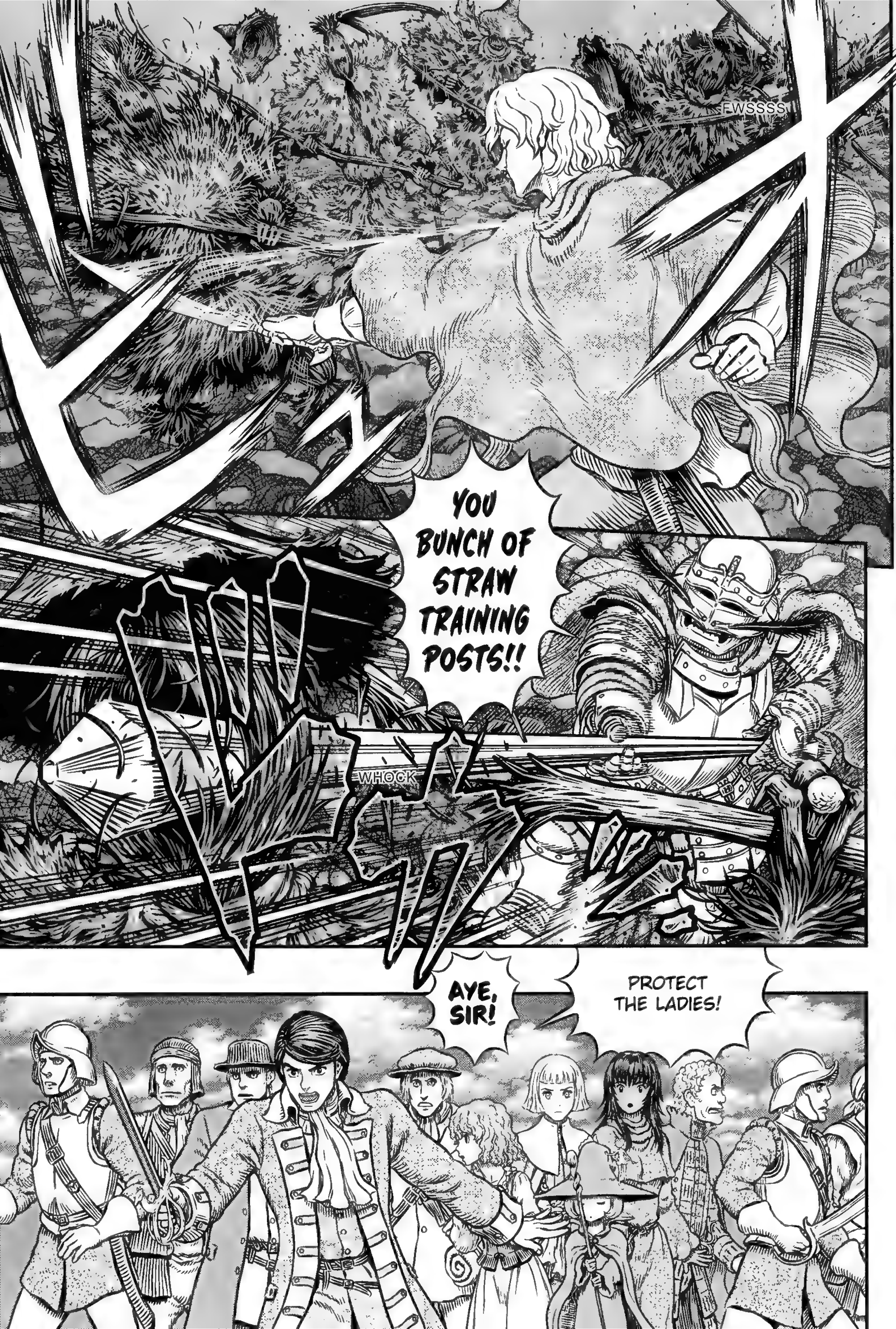
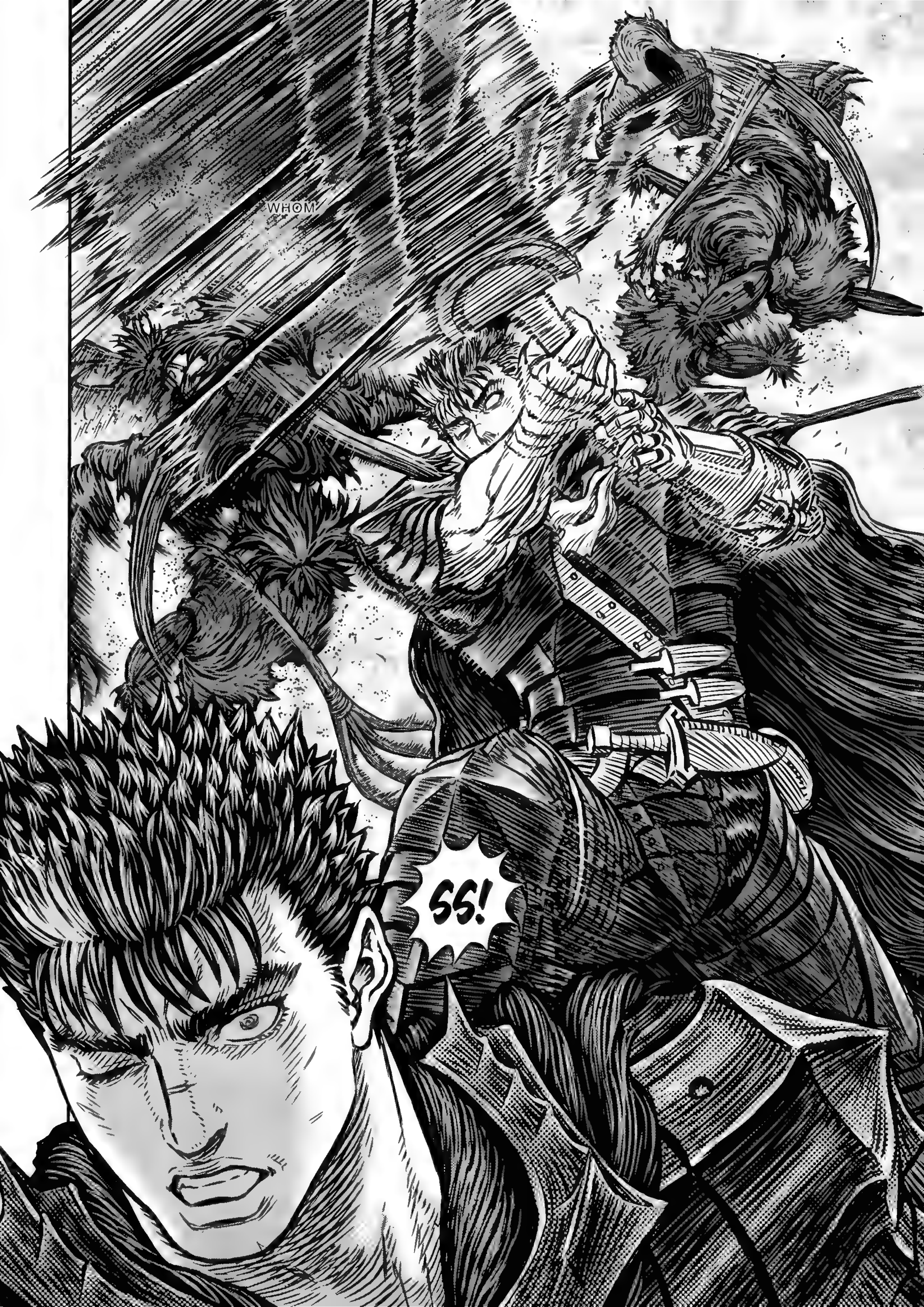
DAHH!
THE LONGER THE WEAPON, THE LONGER THE REACH!


BUT YOU KNOW...
...THAT MEANS...
...I WIN!
DASH
SHFF
BWOOSH


FWSSSS
YOU BUNCH OF STRAW TRAINING POSTS!!
WHOCK
PROTECT THE LADIES!
AYE, SIR!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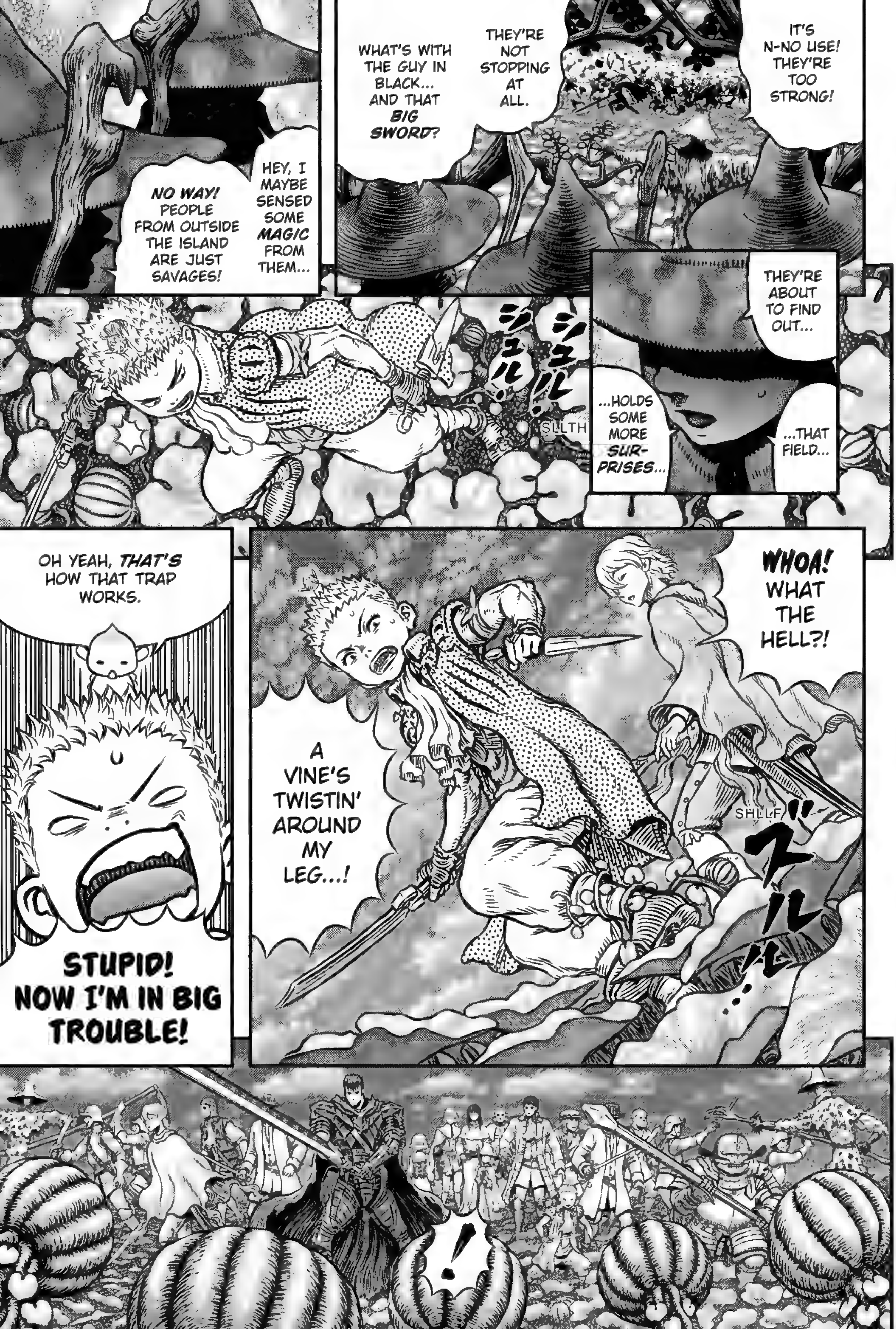
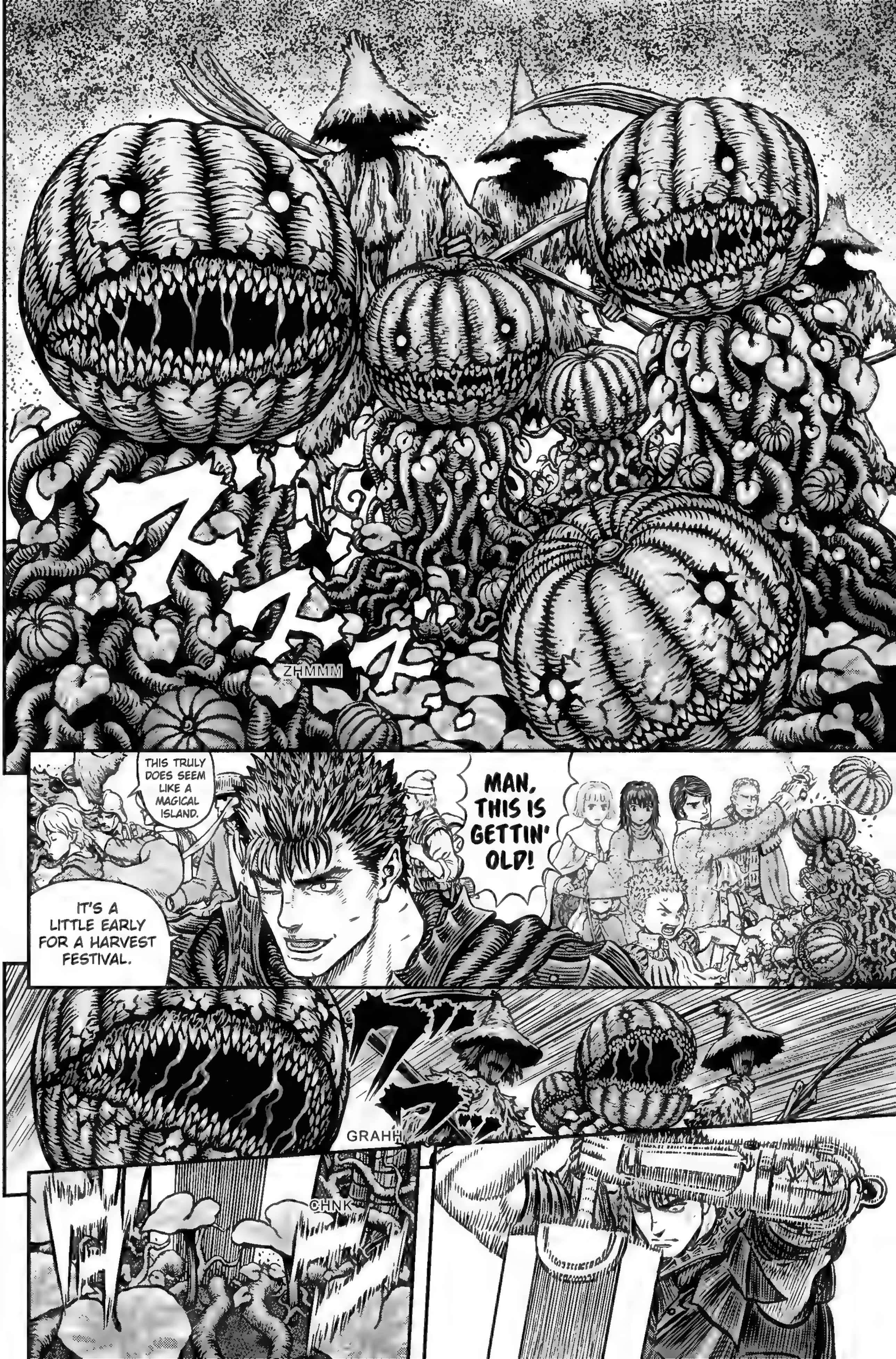
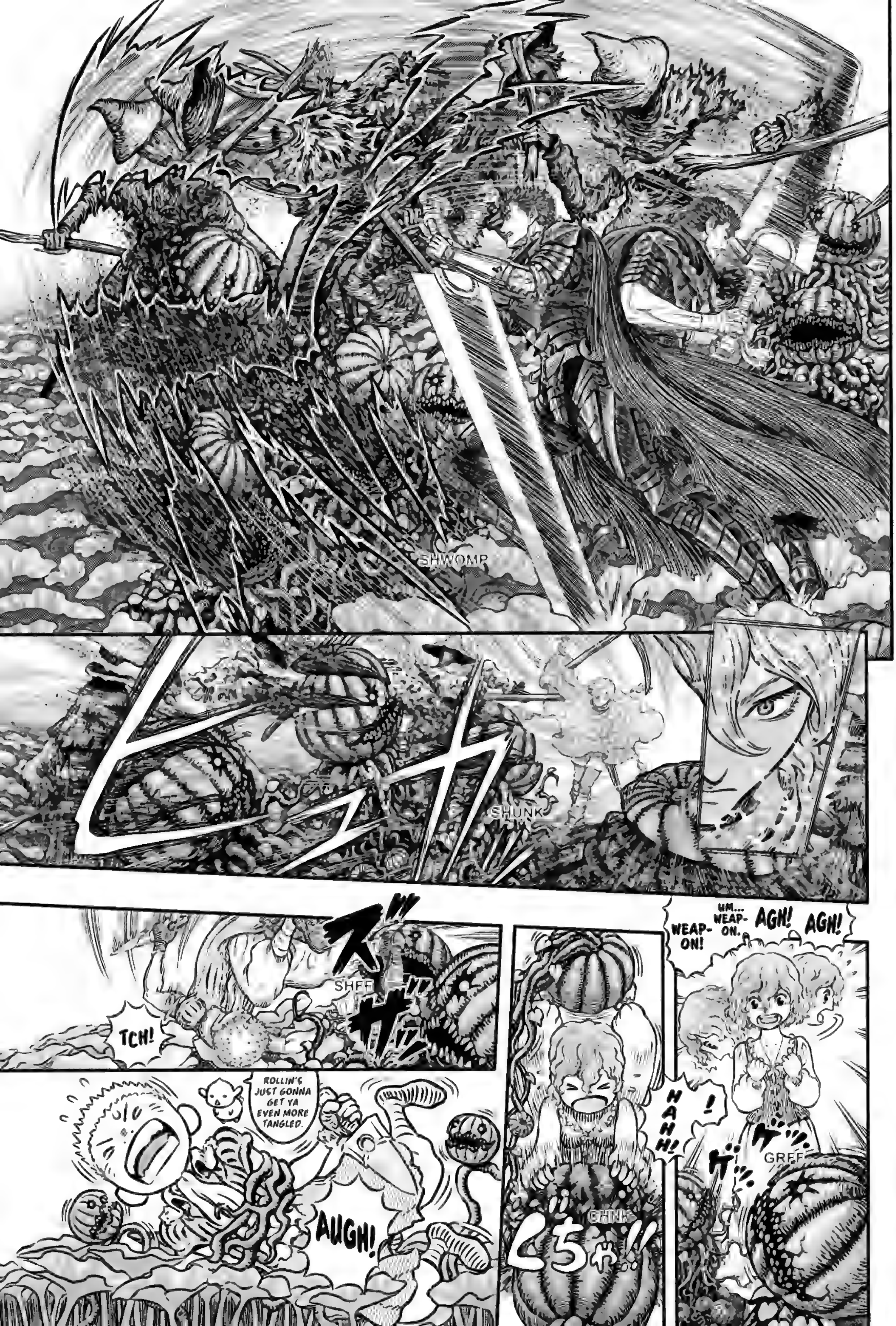
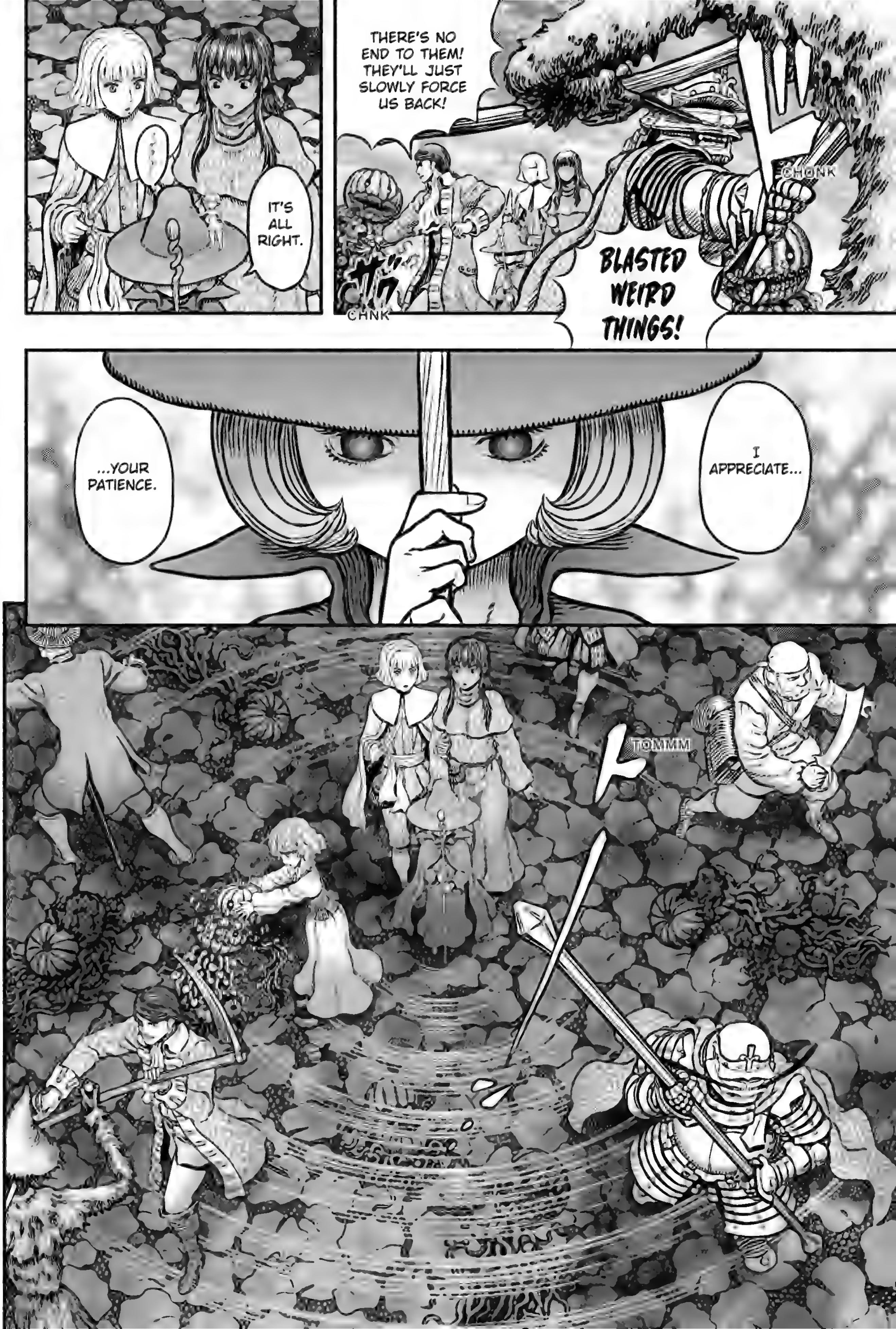
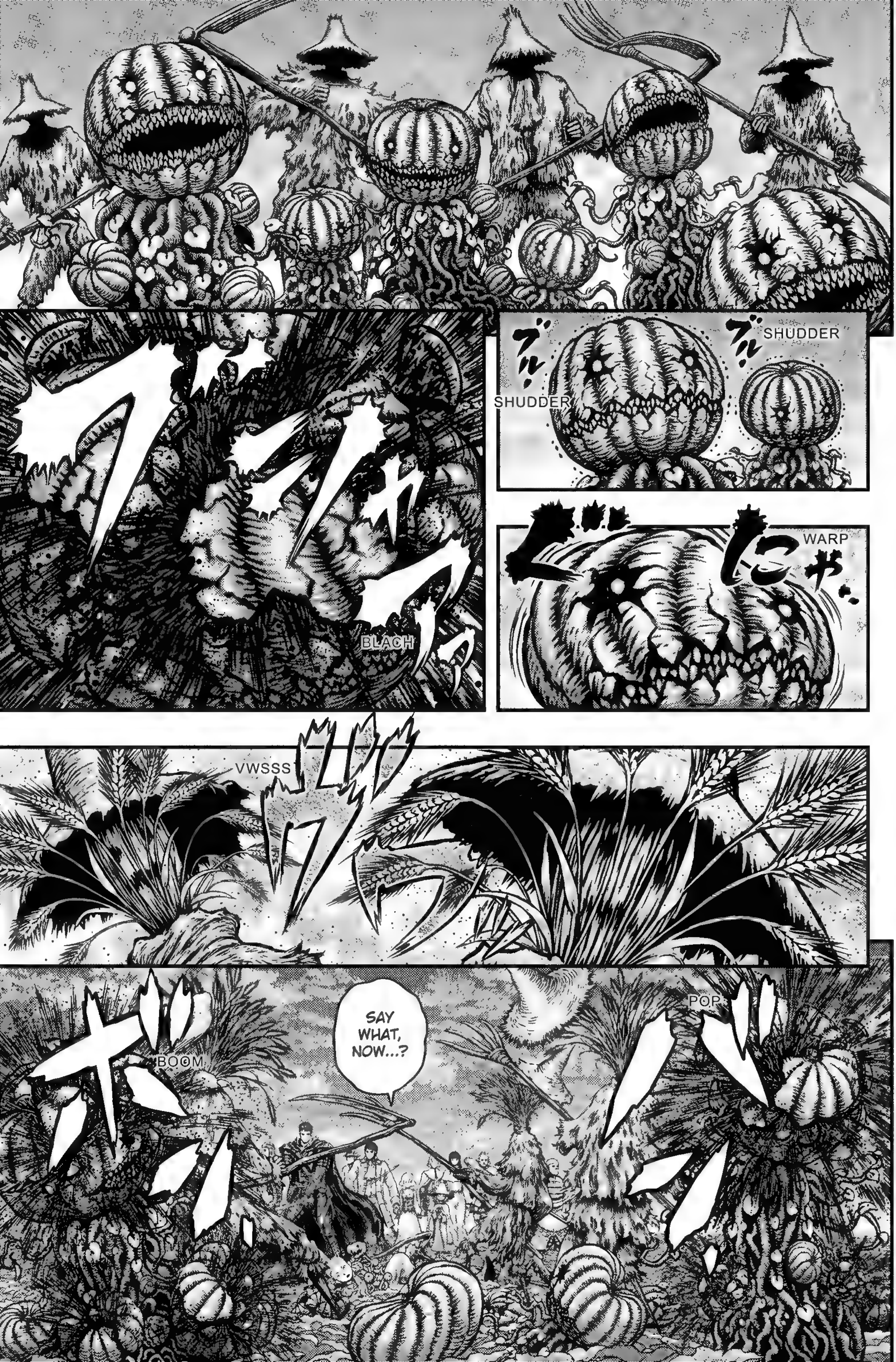

IT'S N-NO USE! THEY'RE TOO STRONG!
THEY'RE NOT STOPPING AT ALL.
WHAT'S WITH THE GUY IN BLACK... AND THAT *BIG SWORD?*
HEY, I MAYBE SENSED SOME *MAGIC* FROM THEM...
NO WAY! PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE THE ISLAND ARE JUST SAVAGES!
THEY'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT...
...THAT FIELD...
...HOLDS SOME MORE *SURPRISES*...
シュル!!
SLLTH
WHOA! WHAT THE HELL?!
ズル!!
SHLLF
A VINE'S TWISTIN' AROUND MY LEG...!
OH YEAH, *THAT'S* HOW THAT TRAP WORKS.
STUPID! NOW I'M IN BIG TROUBLE!
!


ZHMMM
MAN, THIS IS GETTIN' OLD!
THIS TRULY DOES SEEM LIKE A MAGICAL ISLAND.
IT'S A LITTLE EARLY FOR A HARVEST FESTIVAL.
GRAHH
CHNK


SHWOMP
SHUNK
AGH!
AGH!
UM... WEAP-ON.
WEAP-ON!
!
GRFF
HAHH!
CHNK
くちゃ!!
ズザ
SHFF
TCH!
ROLLIN'S JUST GONNA GET YA EVEN MORE TANGLED.
AUGH!


THERE'S NO END TO THEM! THEY'LL JUST SLOWLY FORCE US BACK!
CHONK
BLASTED WEIRD THINGS!
CHNK
...
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I APPRECIATE...
...YOUR PATIENCE.
TOMMM


ブル
SHUDDER
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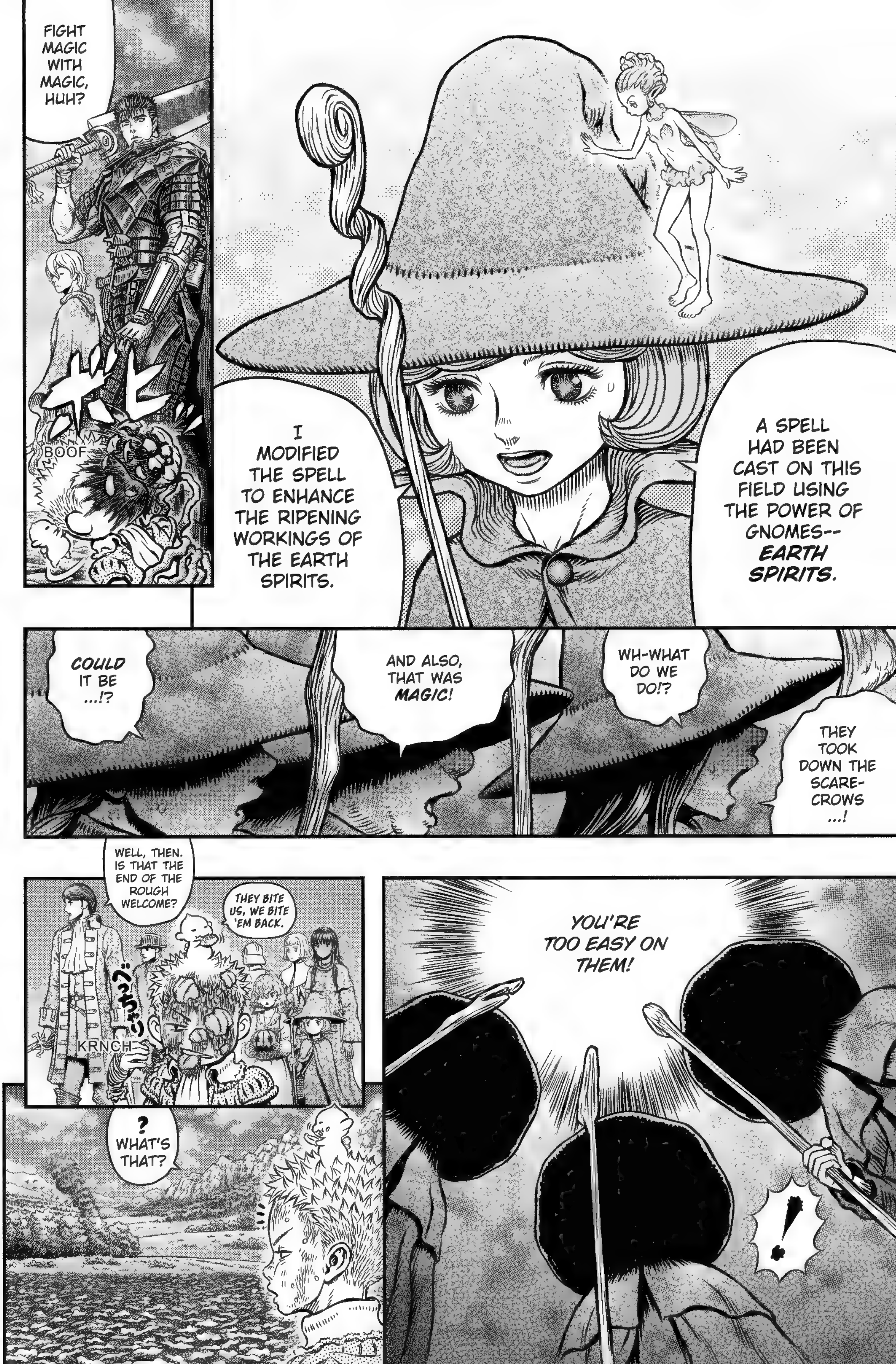
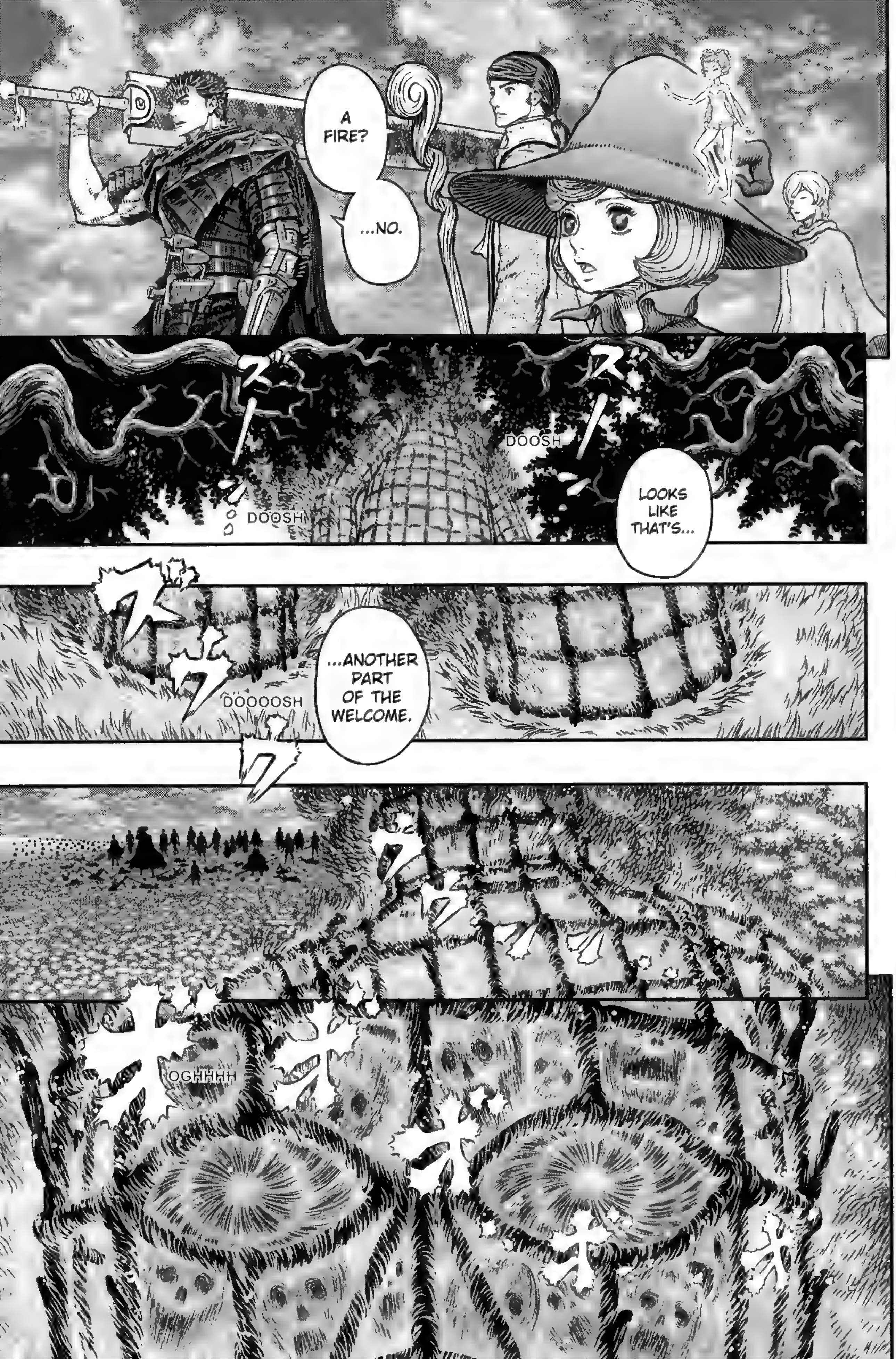
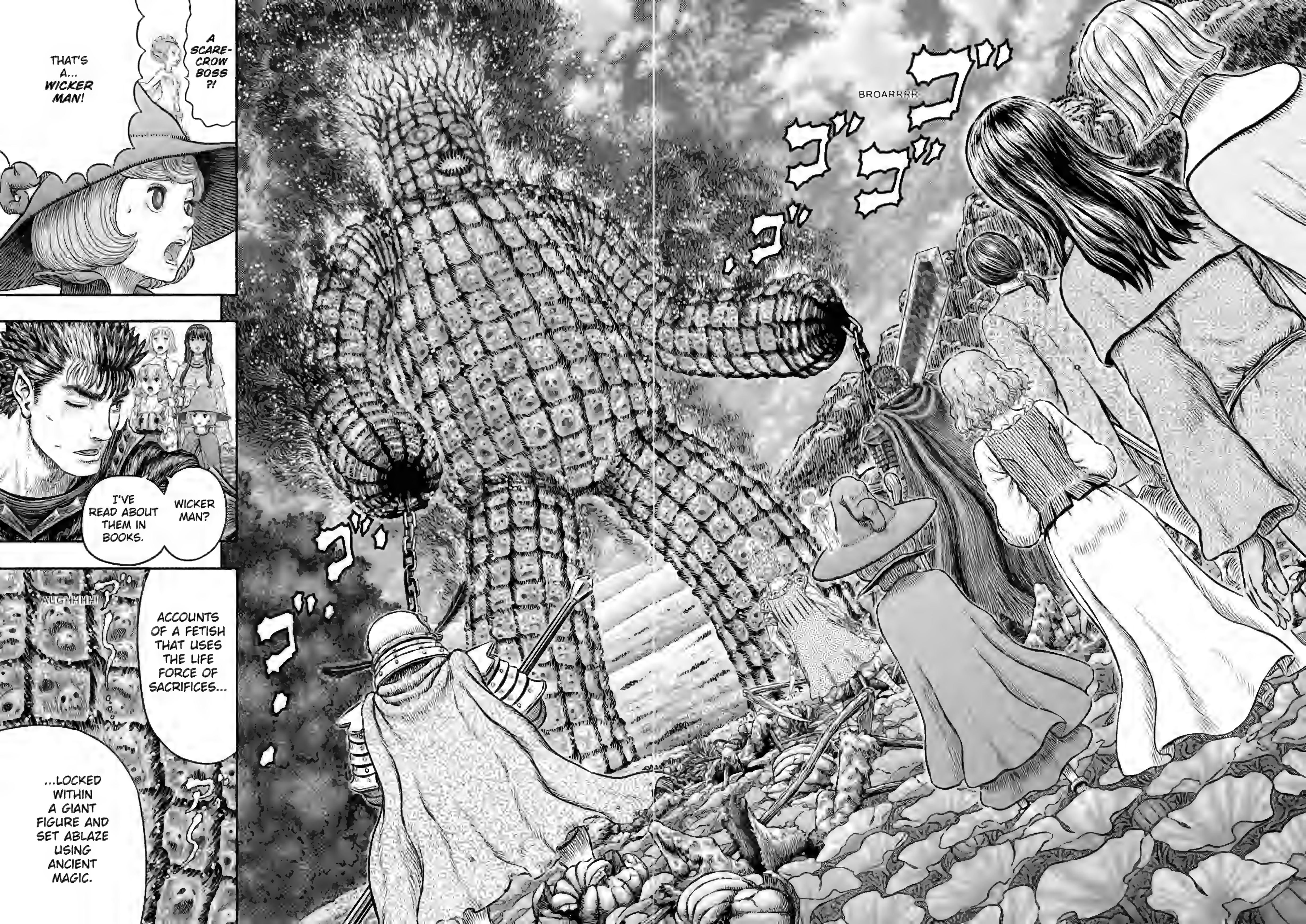
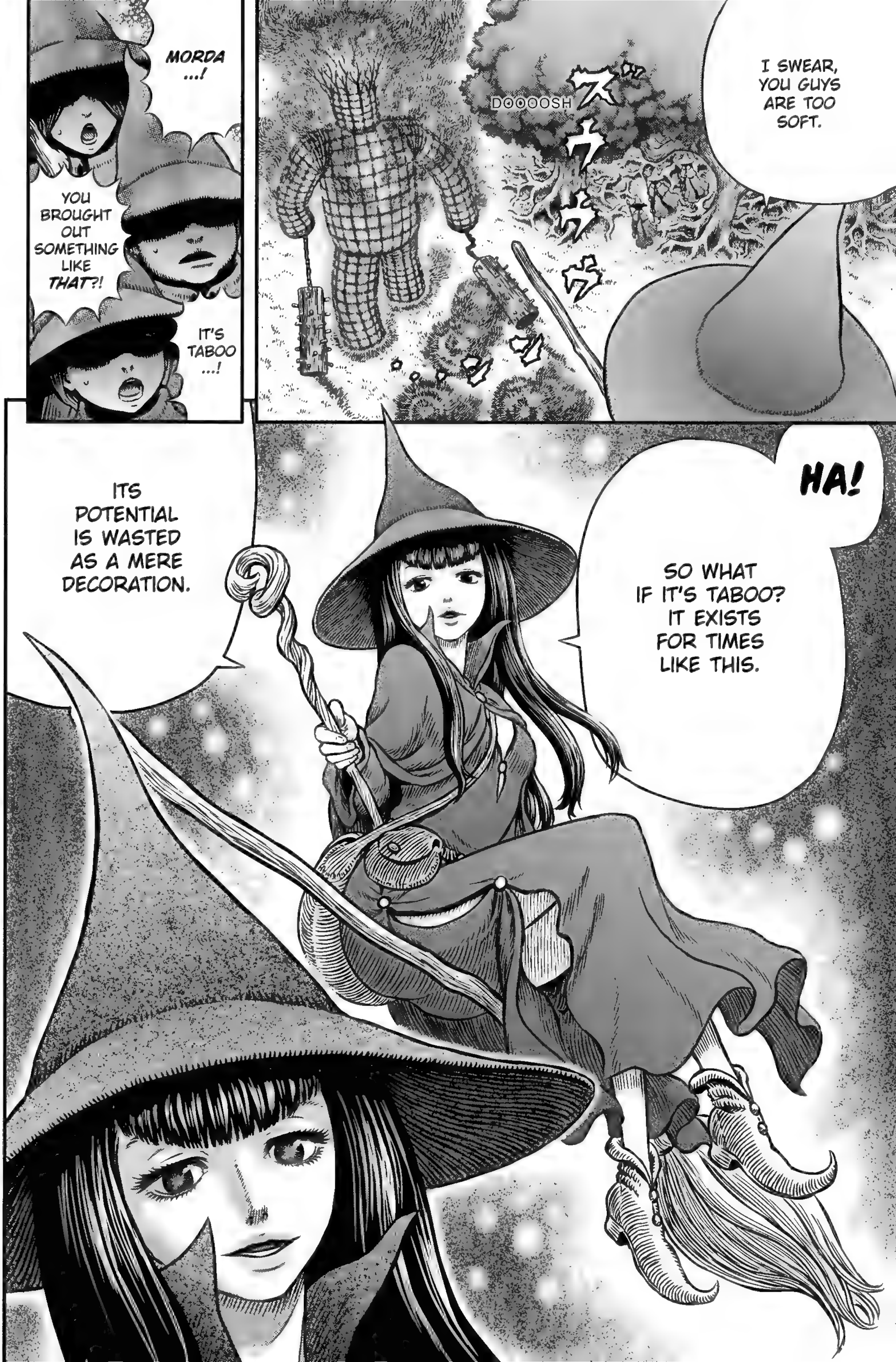
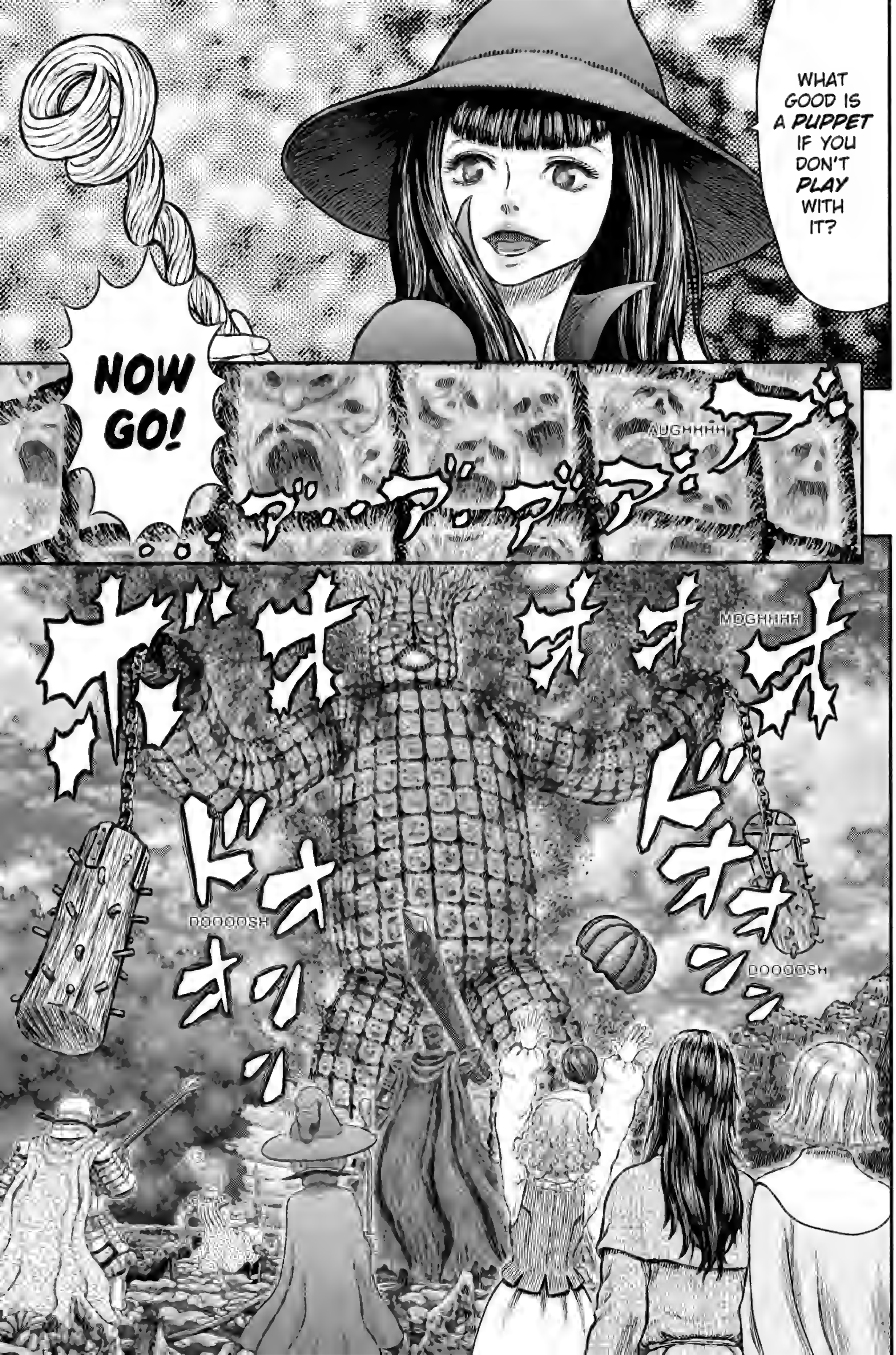
ぐにゃ
WARP
BLACH
VWSSS
POP
SAY WHAT, NOW...?
BOOM

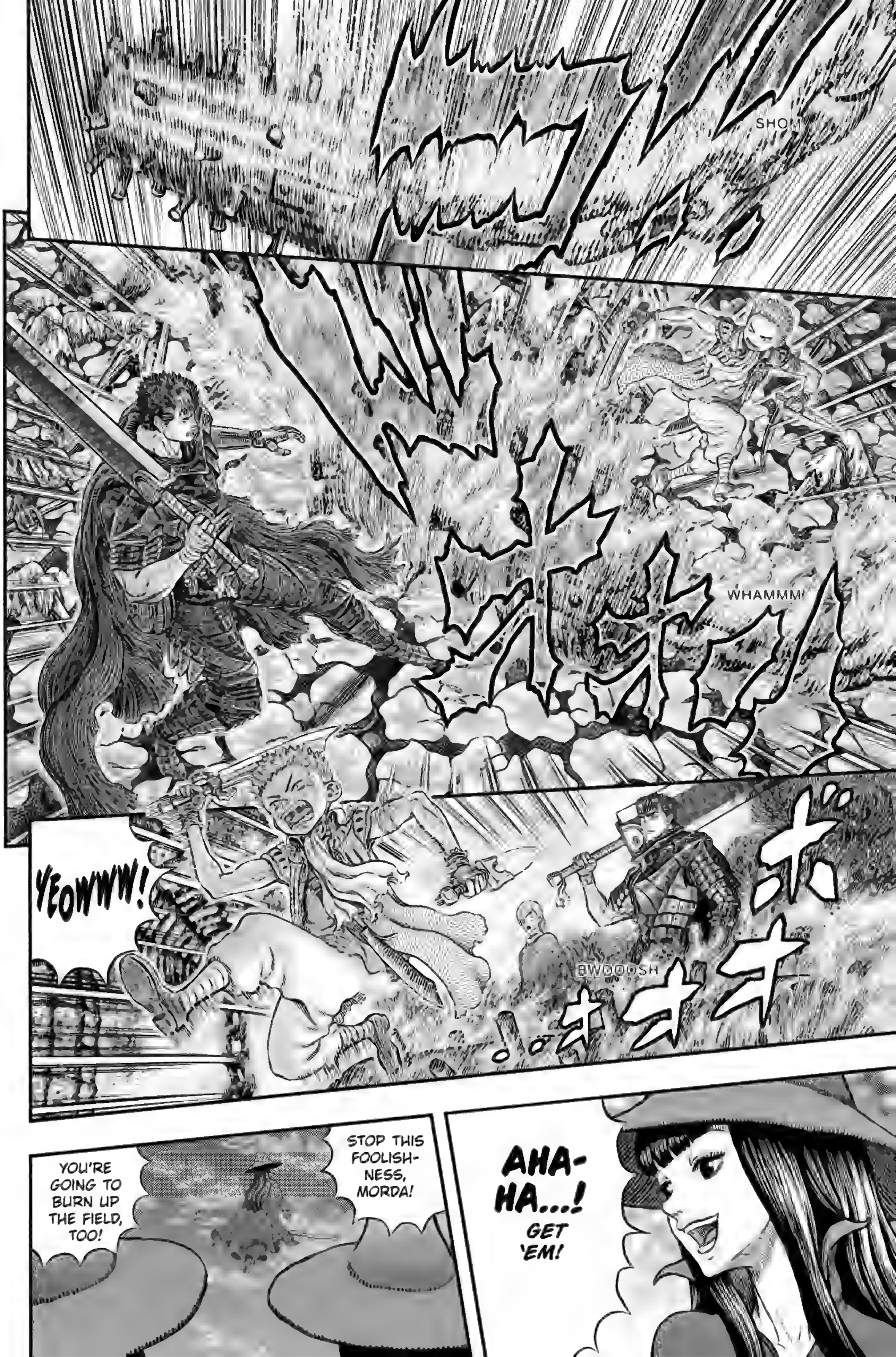

A SPELL HAD BEEN CAST ON THIS FIELD USING THE POWER OF GNOMES-- *EARTH SPIRITS*.
I MODIFIED THE SPELL TO ENHANCE THE RIPENING WORKINGS OF THE EARTH SPIRITS.
FIGHT MAGIC WITH MAGIC, HUH?
ザヒ
BOOF
THEY TOOK DOWN THE SCARE-CROWS ...!
WH-WHAT DO WE DO!?
AND ALSO, THAT WAS *MAGIC!*
COULD IT BE ...!?
YOU'RE TOO EASY ON THEM!
!
THEY BITE US, WE BITE 'EM BACK.
WELL, THEN. IS THAT THE END OF THE ROUGH WELCOME?
べっちゃり
KRNCH
? WHAT'S THAT?

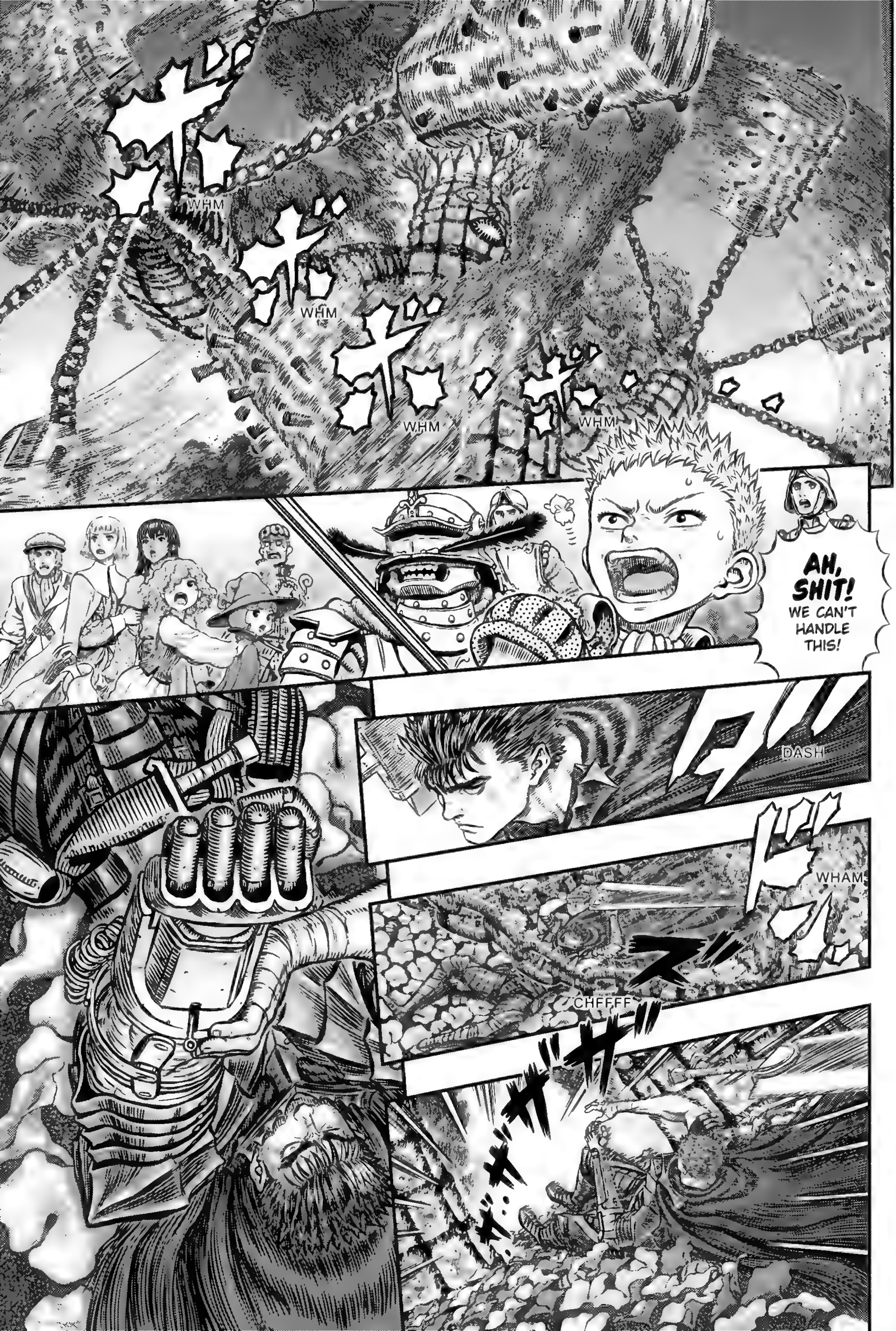

A FIRE?
...NO.
DOOSH
DOOSH
LOOKS LIKE THAT'S...
DOOOOSH
...ANOTHER PART OF THE WELCOME.
OGHHHH


ゴゴゴ
BROARRRR
ゴ
ゴゴゴ
A SCARE-CROW BOSS?!
THAT'S A... WICKER MAN!
WICKER MAN?
I'VE READ ABOUT THEM IN BOOKS.
AUGHHHH!
ACCOUNTS OF A FETISH THAT USES THE LIFE FORCE OF SACRIFICES...
...LOCKED WITHIN A GIANT FIGURE AND SET ABLAZE USING ANCIENT MAGIC.


I SWEAR, YOU GUYS ARE TOO SOFT.
DOOOOSH
ズゥゥゥ
MORDA ...!
YOU BROUGHT OUT SOMETHING LIKE *THAT*?!
IT'S TABOO ...!
HA!
SO WHAT IF IT'S TABOO? IT EXISTS FOR TIMES LIKE THIS.
ITS POTENTIAL IS WASTED AS A MERE DECORATION.


WHAT GOOD IS A PUPPET IF YOU DON'T PLAY WITH IT?
NOW GO!
ア゛ア゛ア゛ア゛ア゛
AUGHHHH
ヴォオオオオ
MOGHHHH
ドォオォン
DOOOOSH
ドォオォン
DOOOOSH


SHOM
WHAMMM!
BWOOOSH
YEOWWW!
AHA-HA...! GET 'EM!
STOP THIS FOOLISHNESS, MORDA!
YOU'RE GOING TO BURN UP THE FIELD, TOO!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WHM
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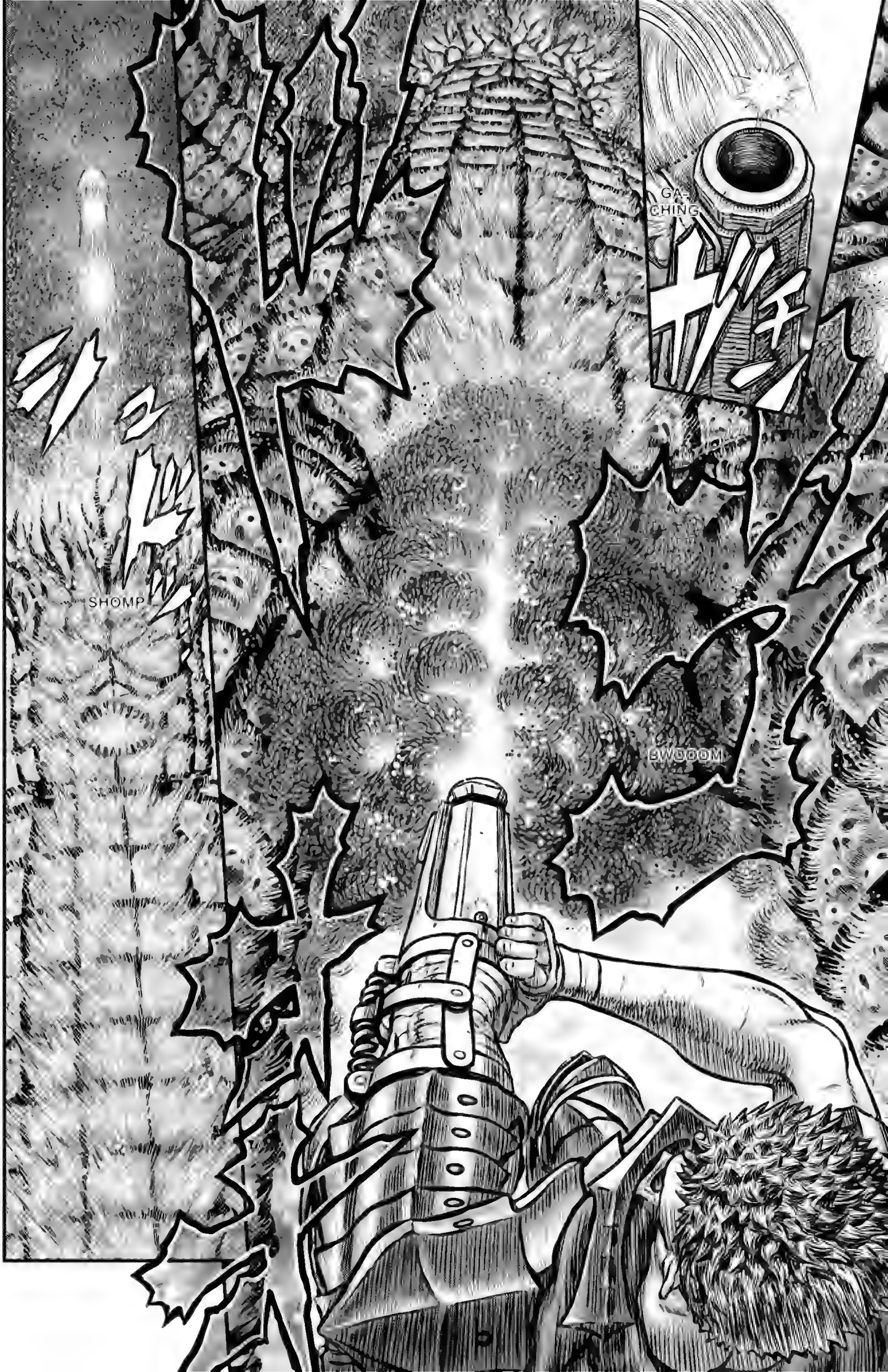
AH, SHIT! WE CAN'T HANDLE THIS!
ダッ
DASH
ドッ
WHAM
ズッ
CHFFFF
ザザ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BWOOOM
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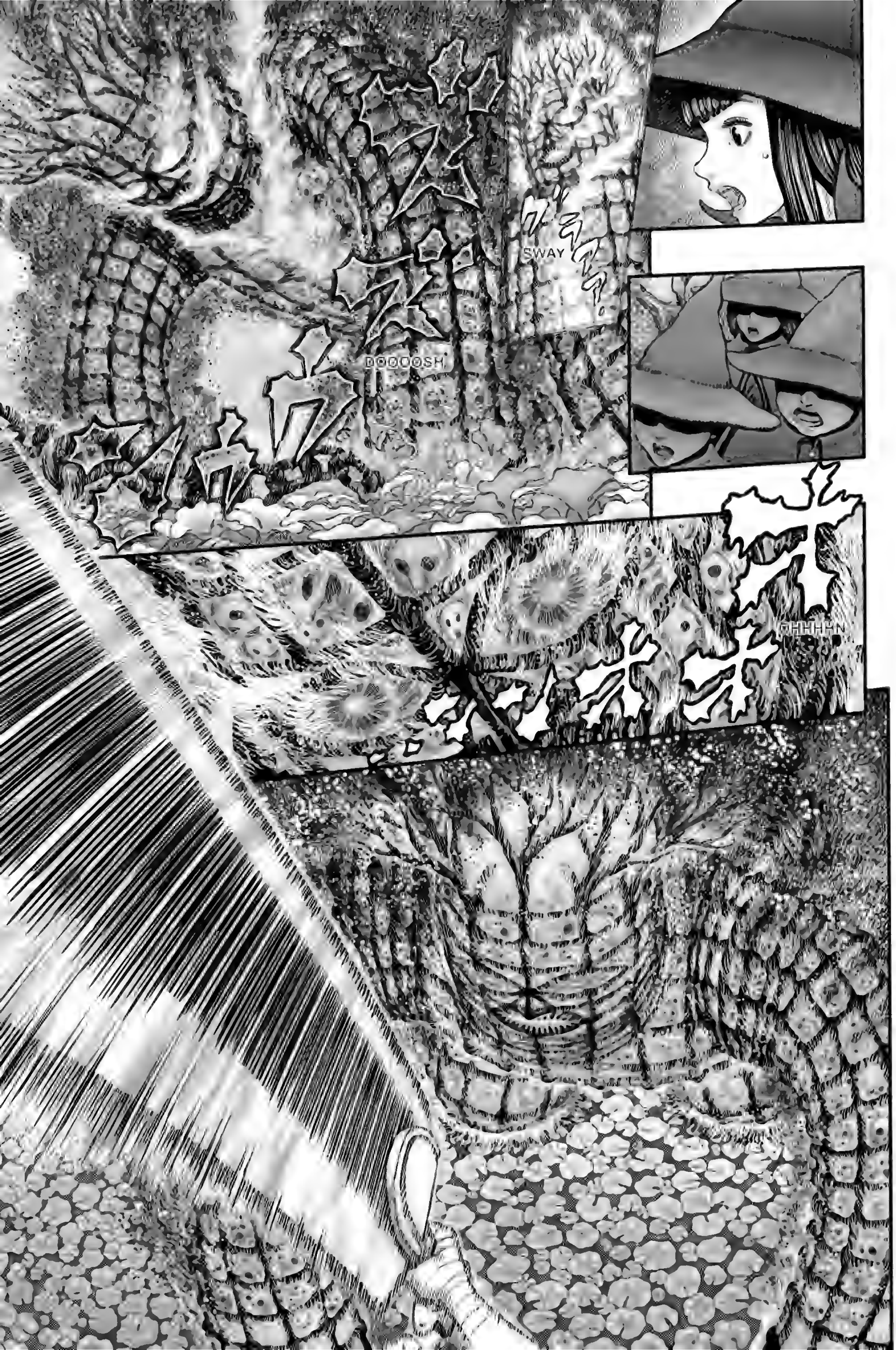
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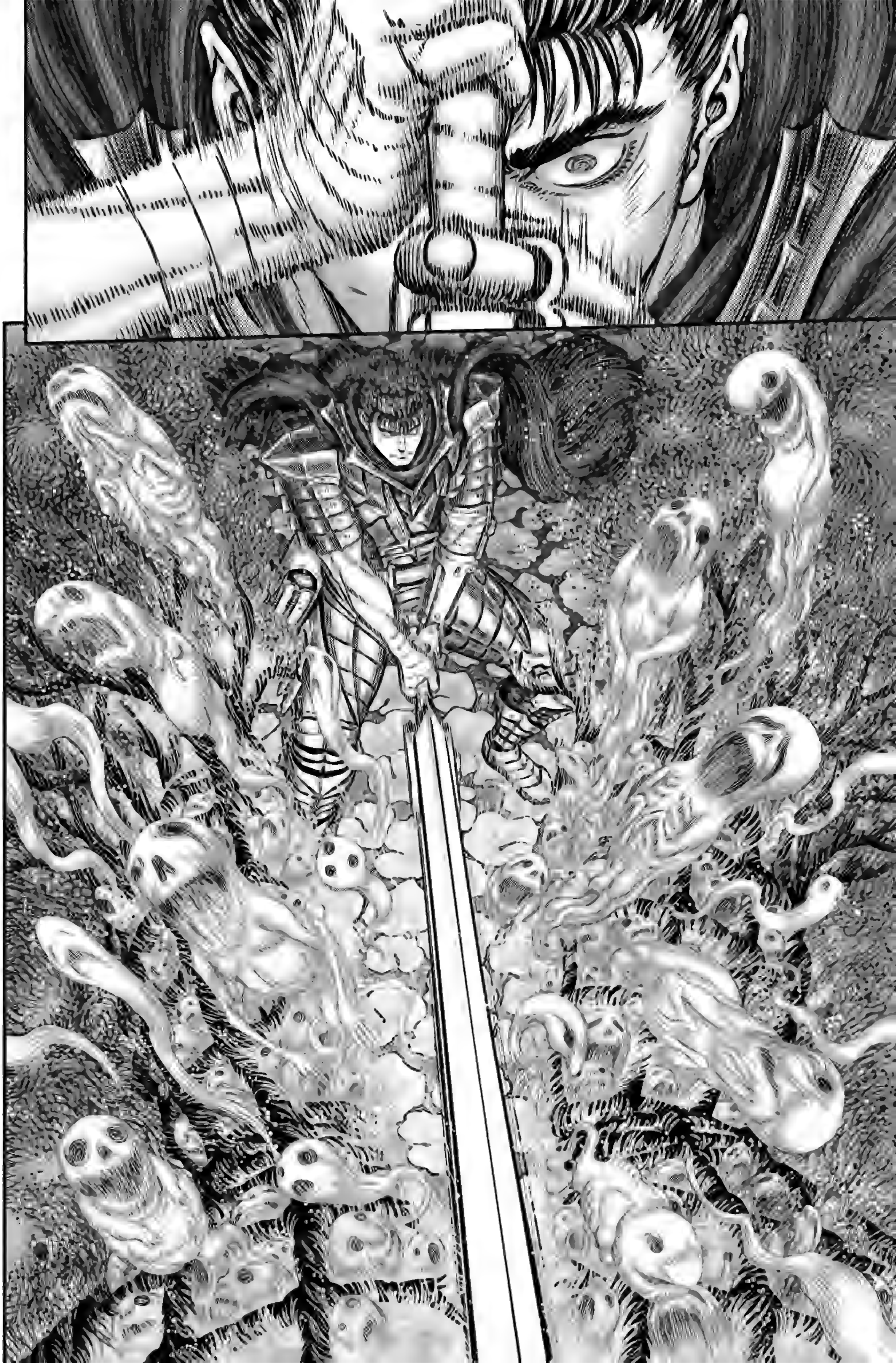
DOOOOSH
OHHHHN



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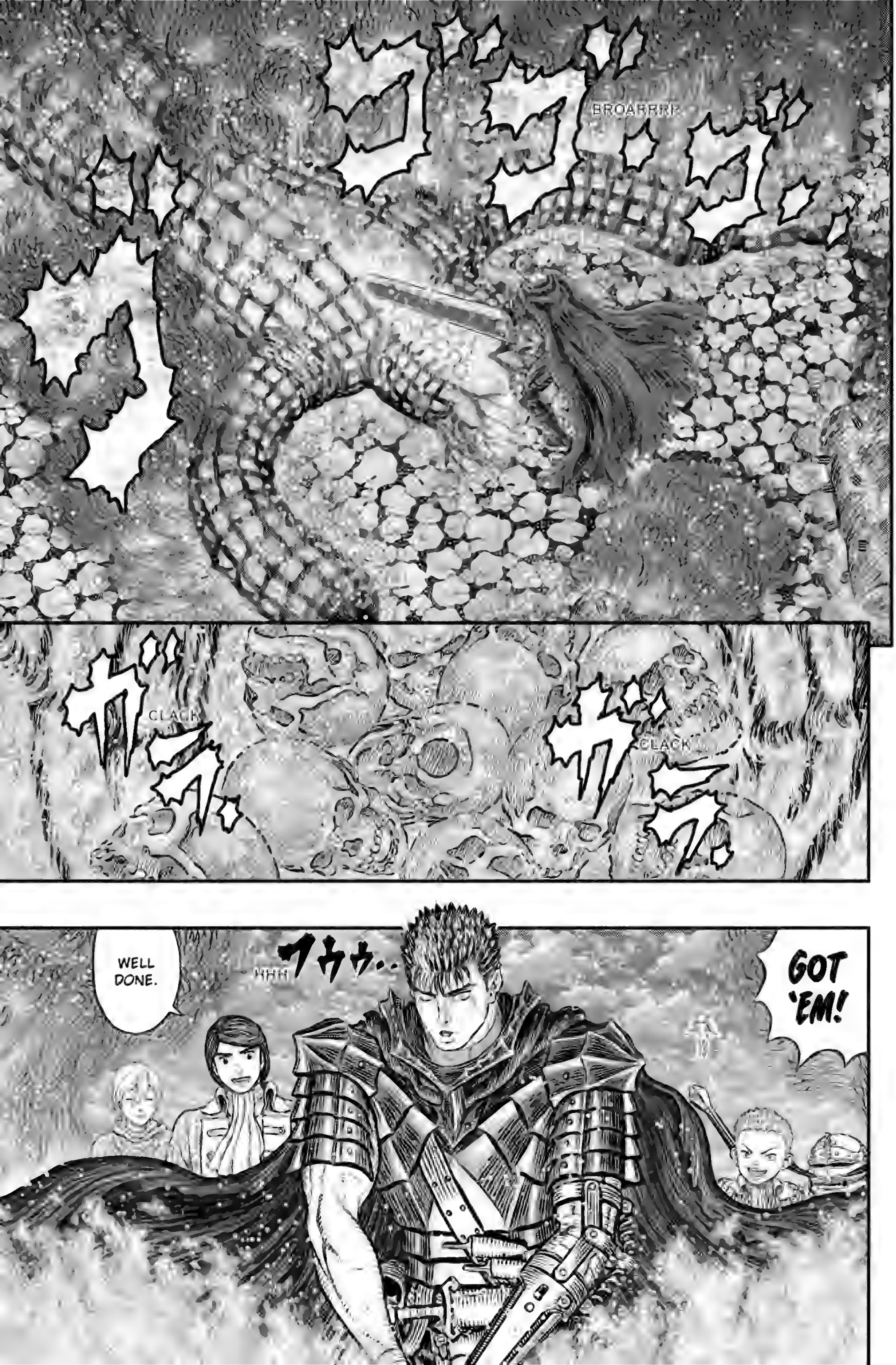
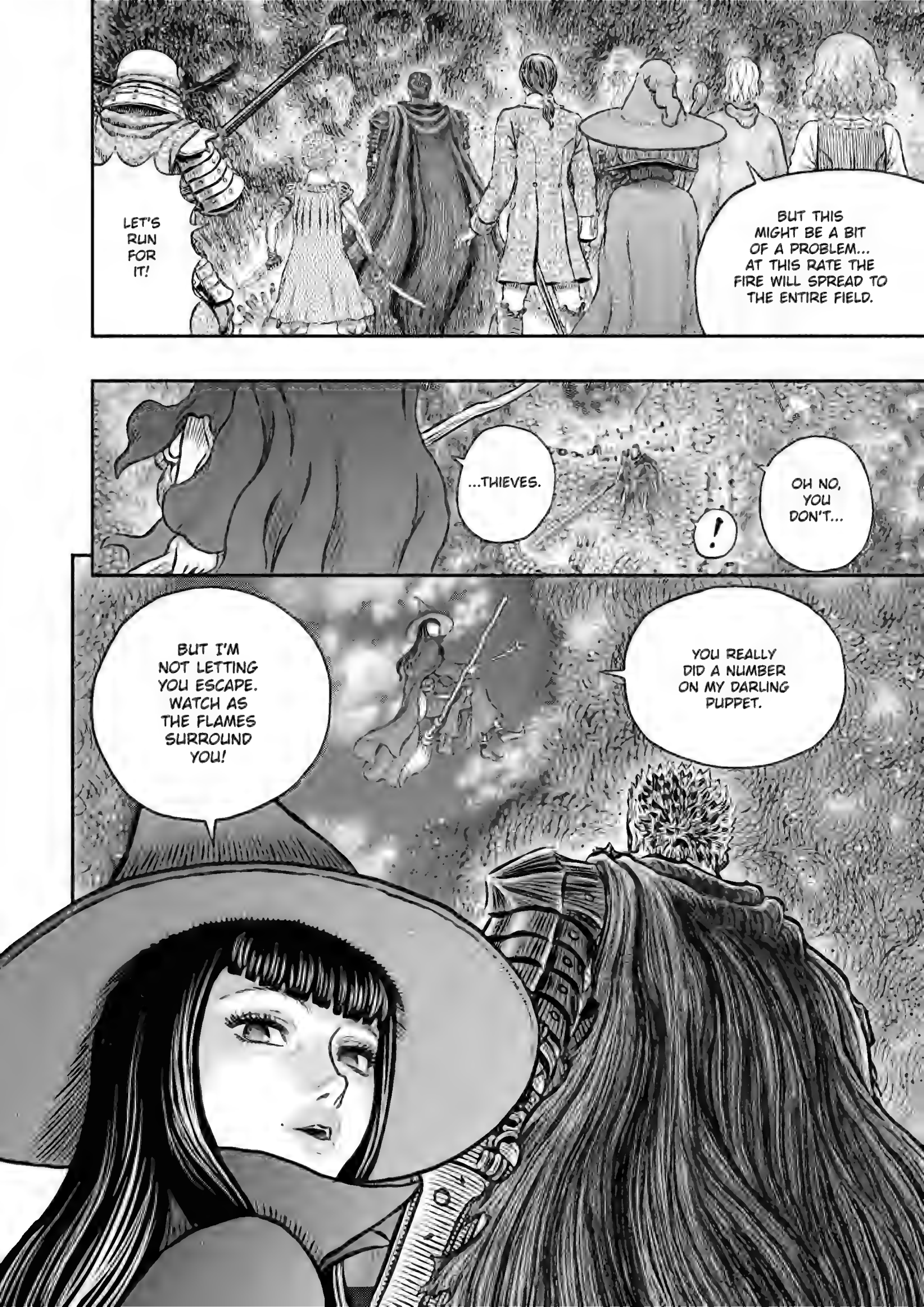
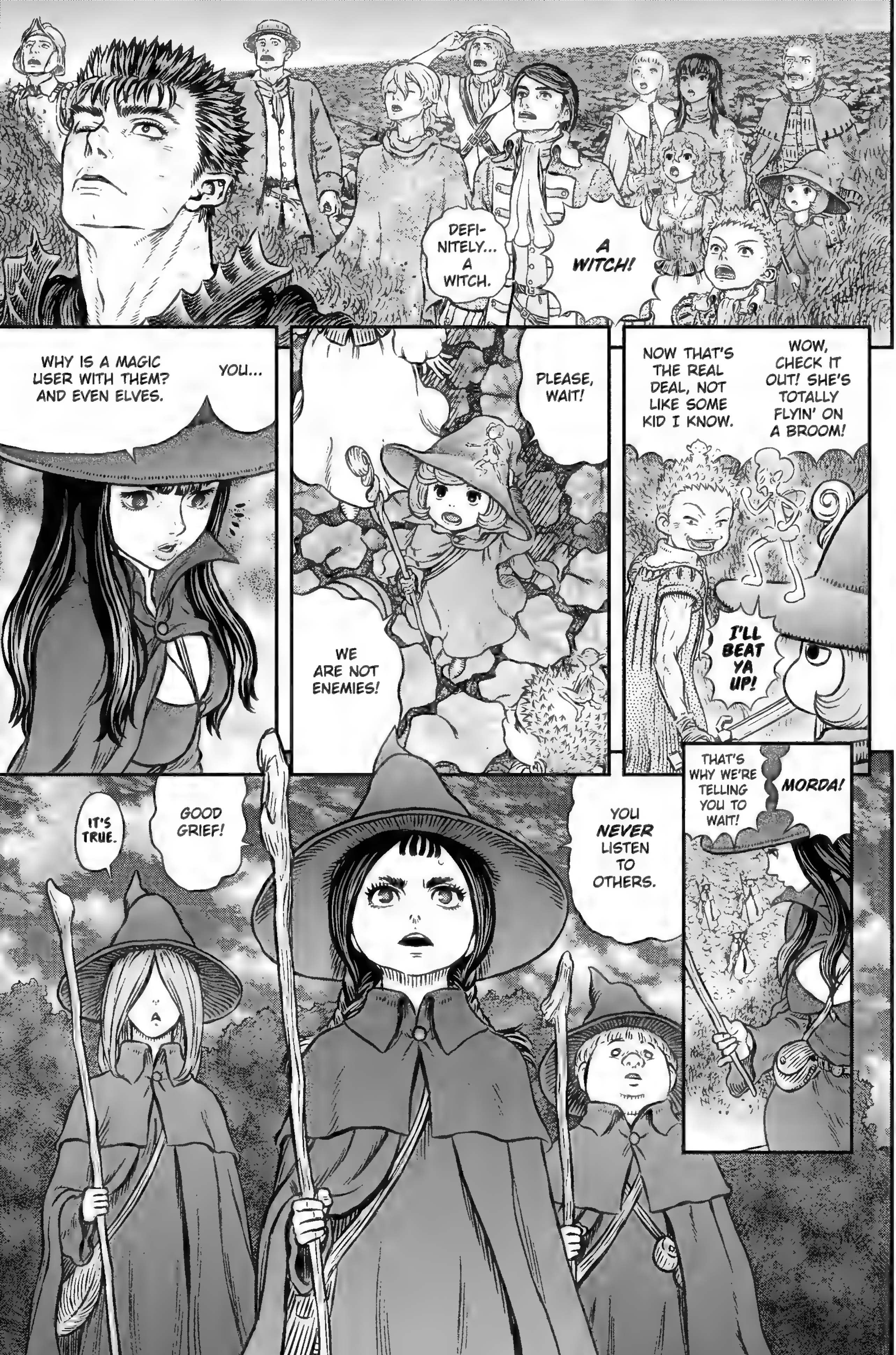
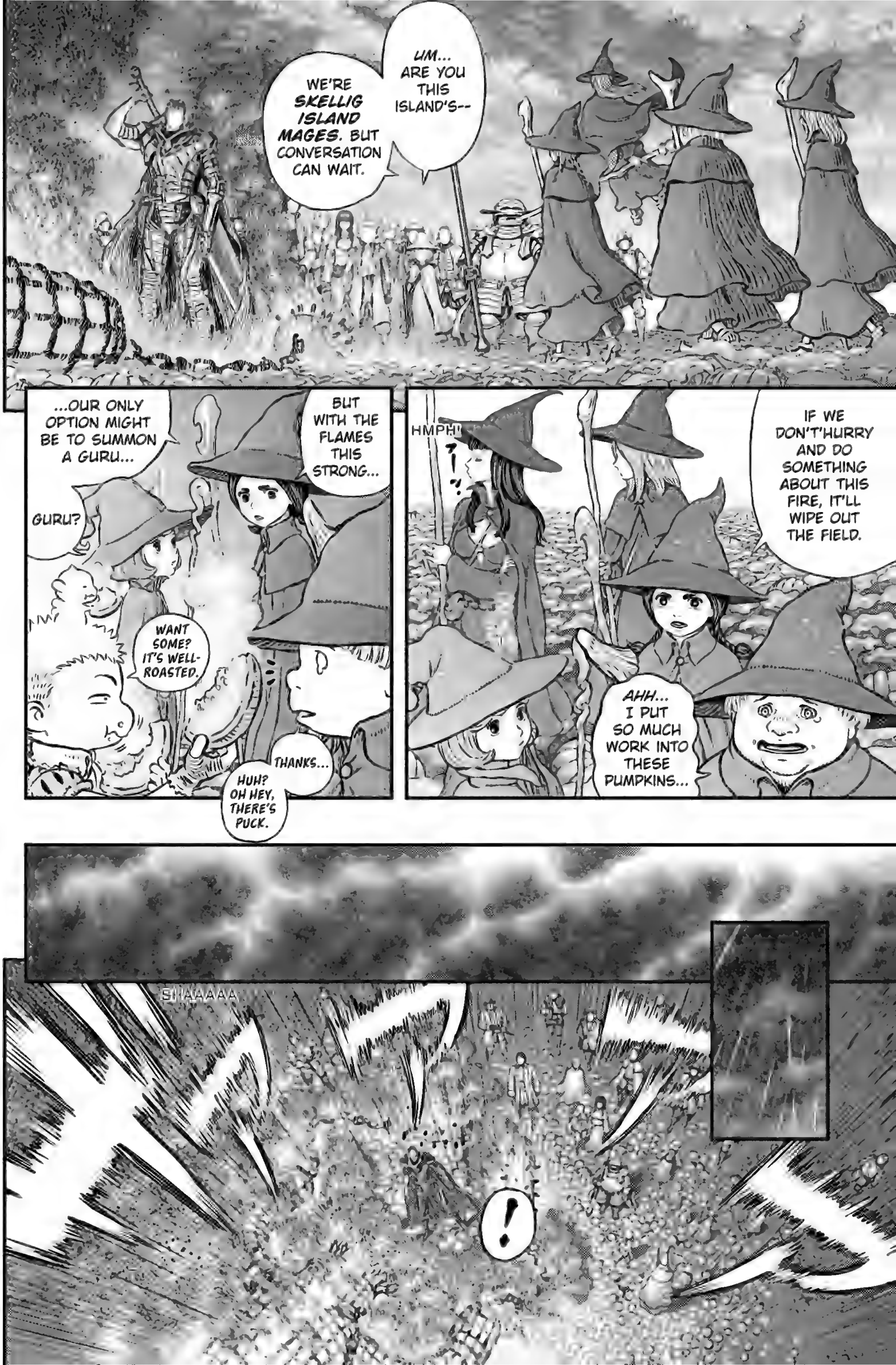
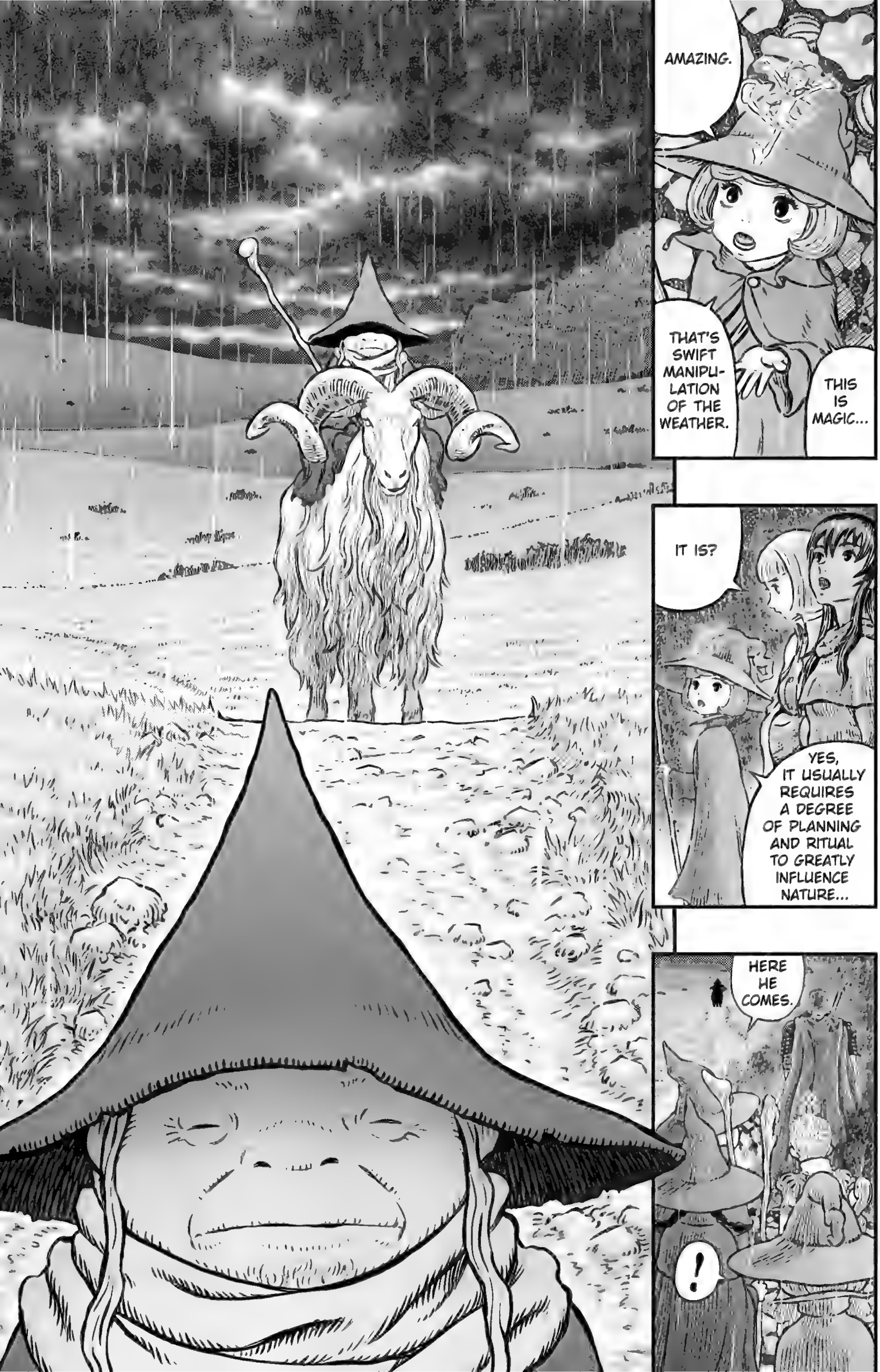
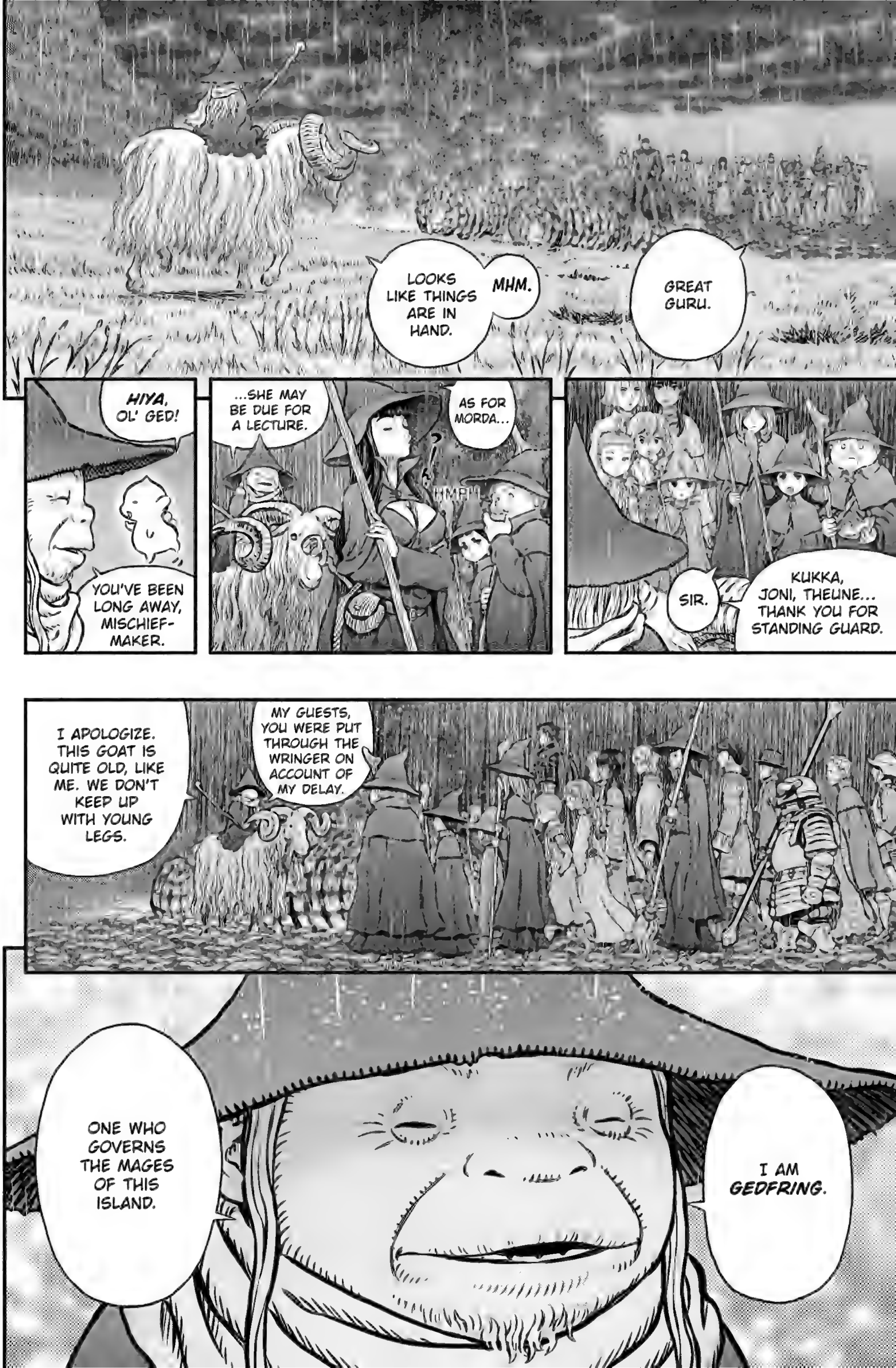

BROARRRR
CLACK
CLACK
GOT 'EM!
HHH
WELL DONE.

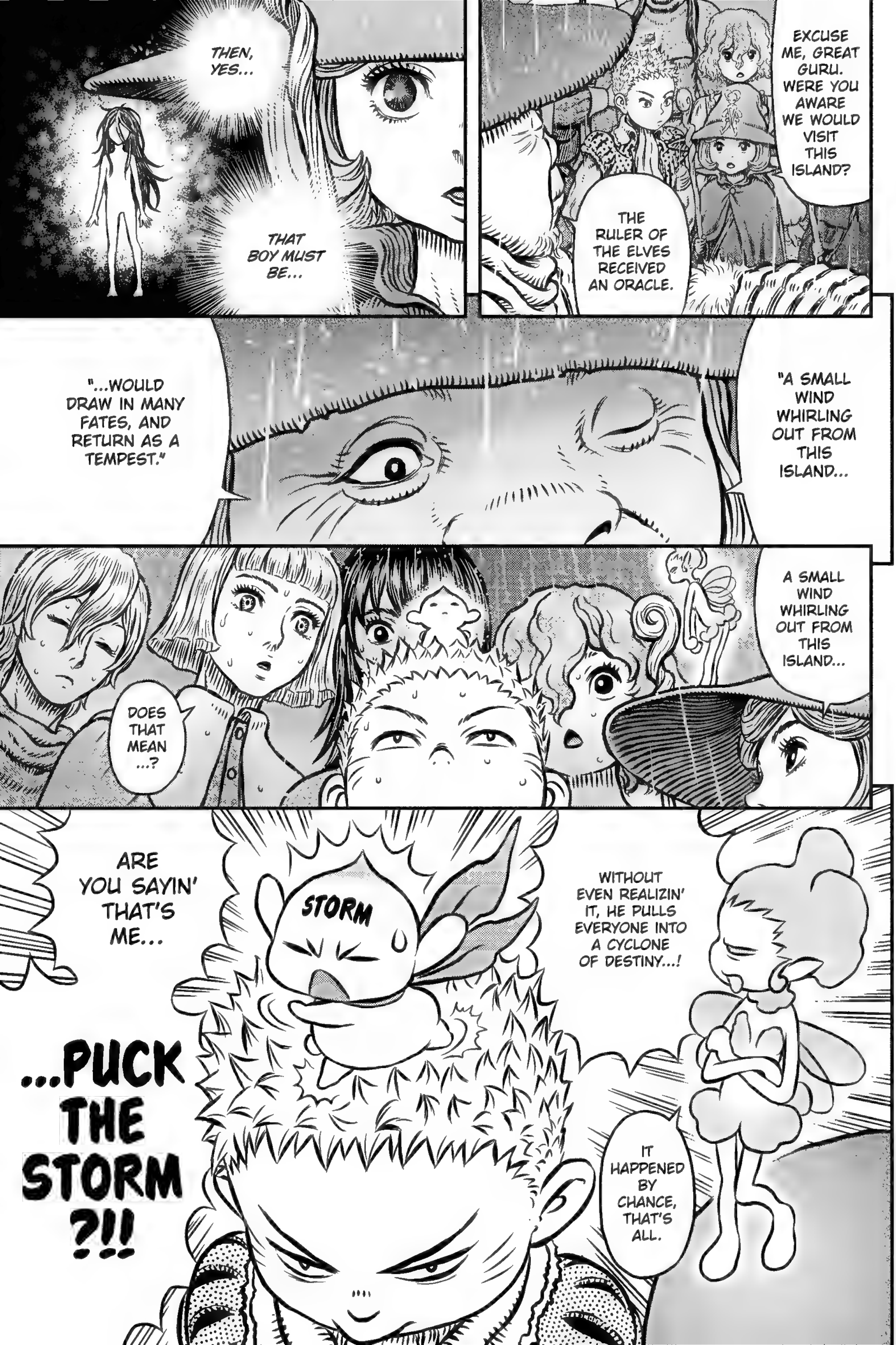

BUT THIS MIGHT BE A BIT OF A PROBLEM... AT THIS RATE THE FIRE WILL SPREAD TO THE ENTIRE FIELD.
LET'S RUN FOR IT!
OH NO, YOU DON'T...
!
...THIEVES.
YOU REALLY DID A NUMBER ON MY DARLING PUPPET.
BUT I'M NOT LETTING YOU ESCAPE. WATCH AS THE FLAMES SURROUND YOU!

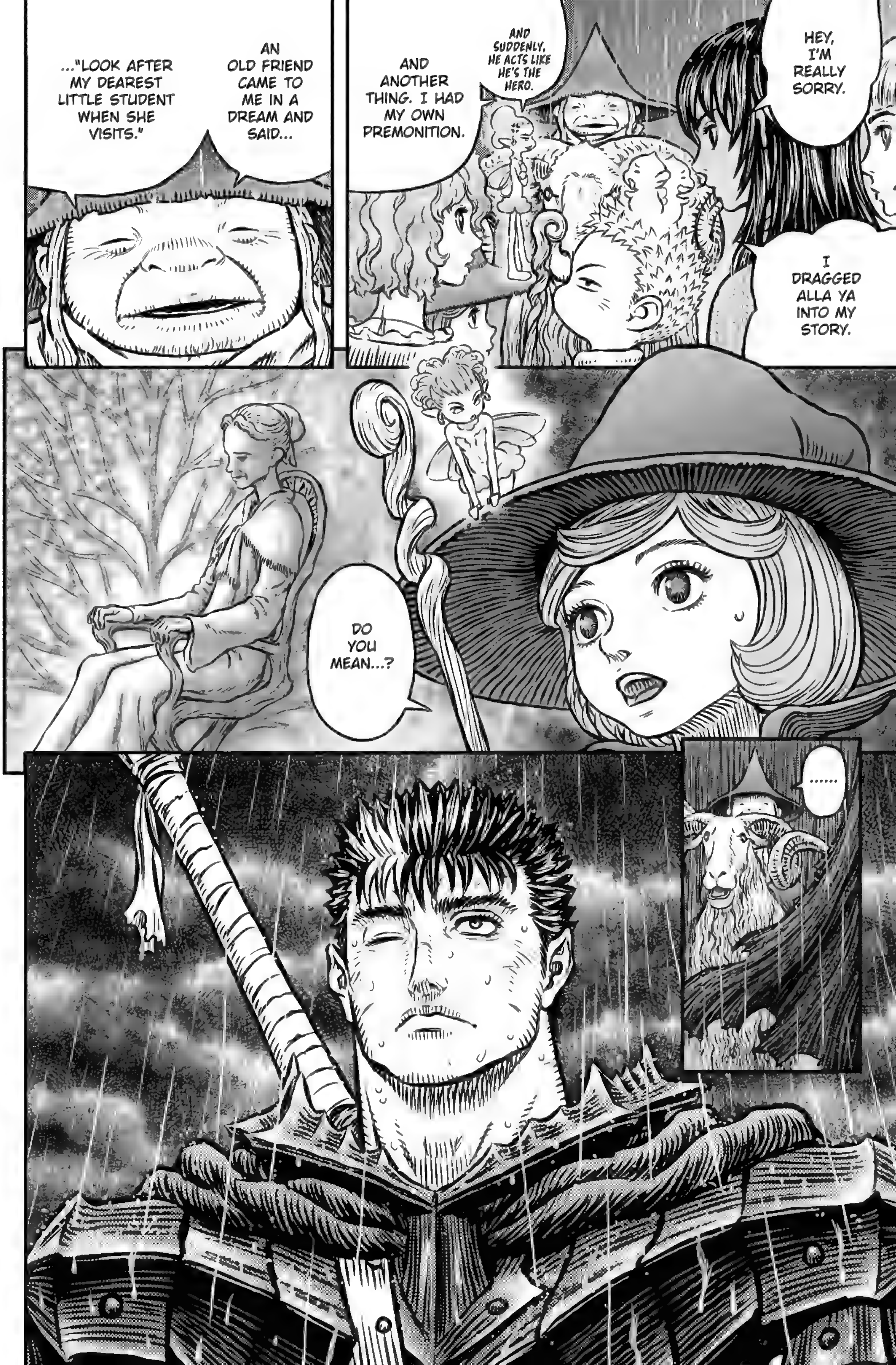

A *WITCH!*
DEFINITELY... A WITCH.
WOW, CHECK IT OUT! SHE'S TOTALLY FLYIN' ON A BROOM!
NOW THAT'S THE REAL DEAL, NOT LIKE SOME KID I KNOW.
I'LL BEAT YA UP!
PLEASE, WAIT!
WE ARE NOT ENEMIES!
YOU...
WHY IS A MAGIC USER WITH THEM? AND EVEN ELVES.
MORDA!
THAT'S WHY WE'RE TELLING YOU TO WAIT!
YOU *NEVER* LISTEN TO OTHERS.
GOOD GRIEF!
IT'S TRUE.


UM... ARE YOU THIS ISLAND'S--
WE'RE **SKELLIG ISLAND MAGES**. BUT CONVERSATION CAN WAIT.
IF WE DON'T HURRY AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS FIRE, IT'LL WIPE OUT THE FIELD.
HMPH!
AHH... I PUT SO MUCH WORK INTO THESE PUMPKINS...
BUT WITH THE FLAMES THIS STRONG...
...OUR ONLY OPTION MIGHT BE TO SUMMON A GURU...
GURU?
WANT SOME? IT'S WELL-ROASTED.
THANKS...
HUH? OH HEY, THERE'S PUCK.
SHAAAAA
!


AMAZING.
THIS IS MAGIC...
THAT'S SWIFT MANIPULATION OF THE WEATHER.
IT IS?
YES, IT USUALLY REQUIRES A DEGREE OF PLANNING AND RITUAL TO GREATLY INFLUENCE NATURE...
HERE HE COMES.
!


GREAT GURU.
MHM.
LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE IN HAND.
KUKKA, JONI, THEUNE... THANK YOU FOR STANDING GUARD.
SIR.
AS FOR MORDA...
HMPH
...SHE MAY BE DUE FOR A LECTURE.
HIYA, OL' GED!
YOU'VE BEEN LONG AWAY, MISCHIEF-MAKER.
MY GUESTS, YOU WERE PUT THROUGH THE WRINGER ON ACCOUNT OF MY DELAY.
I APOLOGIZE. THIS GOAT IS QUITE OLD, LIKE ME. WE DON'T KEEP UP WITH YOUNG LEGS.
I AM *GEDFRING*.
ONE WHO GOVERNS THE MAGES OF THIS ISLAND.


EXCUSE ME, GREAT GURU. WERE YOU AWARE WE WOULD VISIT THIS ISLAND?
THE RULER OF THE ELVES RECEIVED AN ORACLE.
THEN, YES...
THAT BOY MUST BE...
"A SMALL WIND WHIRLING OUT FROM THIS ISLAND...
"...WOULD DRAW IN MANY FATES, AND RETURN AS A TEMPEST."
A SMALL WIND WHIRLING OUT FROM THIS ISLAND...
DOES THAT MEAN ...?
WITHOUT EVEN REALIZIN' IT, HE PULLS EVERYONE INTO A CYCLONE OF DESTINY...!
IT HAPPENED BY CHANCE, THAT'S ALL.
ARE YOU SAYIN' THAT'S ME...
STORM
...PUCK THE STORM?!!


HEY, I'M REALLY SORRY.
I DRAGGED ALLA YA INTO MY STORY.
AND SUDDENLY, HE ACTS LIKE HE'S THE HERO.
AND ANOTHER THING. I HAD MY OWN PREMONITION.
AN OLD FRIEND CAME TO ME IN A DREAM AND SAID...
..."LOOK AFTER MY DEAREST LITTLE STUDENT WHEN SHE VISITS."
DO YOU MEAN...?
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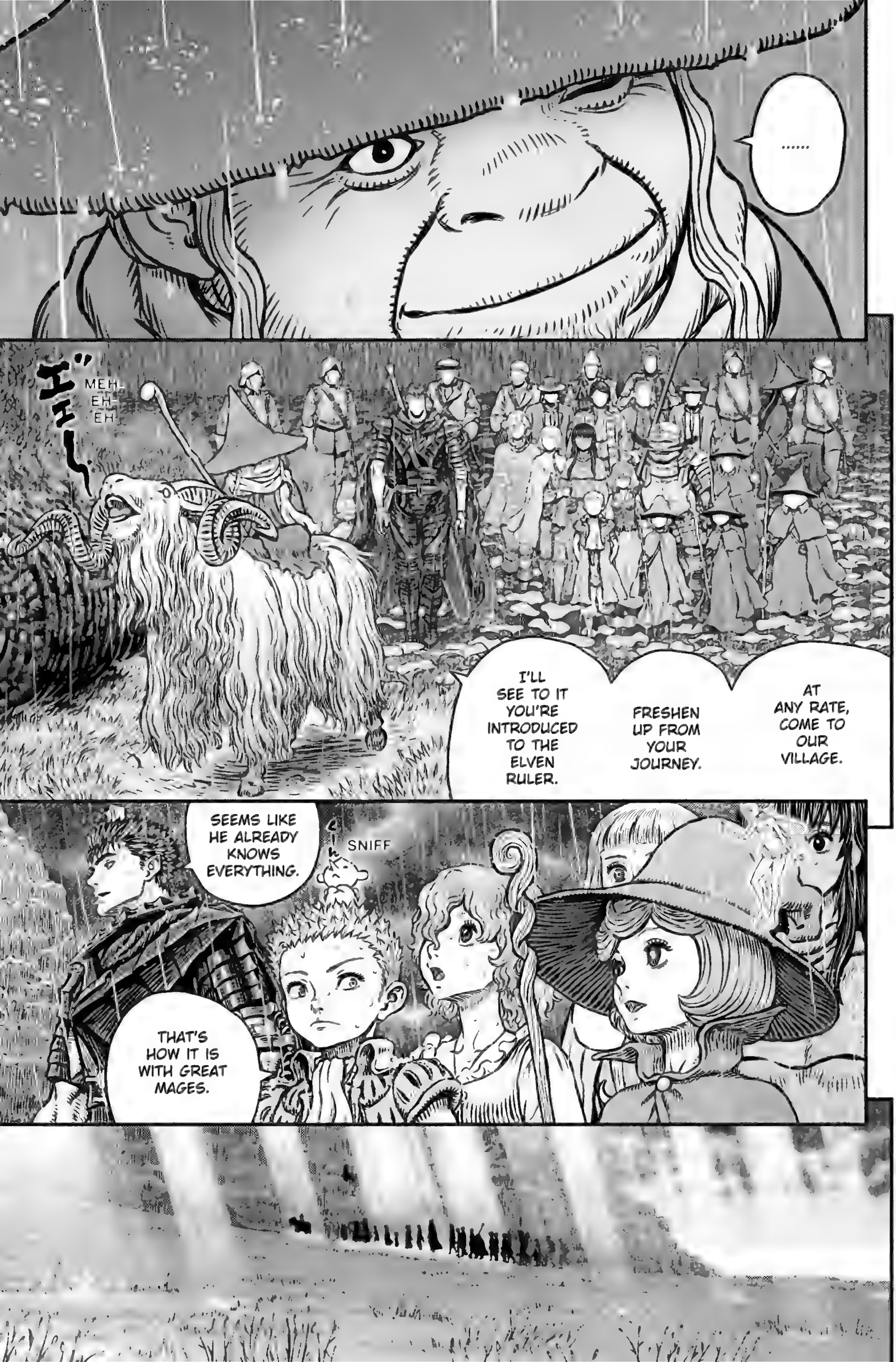
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MEH-EH-EH
AT ANY RATE, COME TO OUR VILLAGE.
FRESHEN UP FROM YOUR JOURNEY.
I'LL SEE TO IT YOU'RE INTRODUCED TO THE ELVEN RULER.
SEEMS LIKE HE ALREADY KNOWS EVERYTHING.
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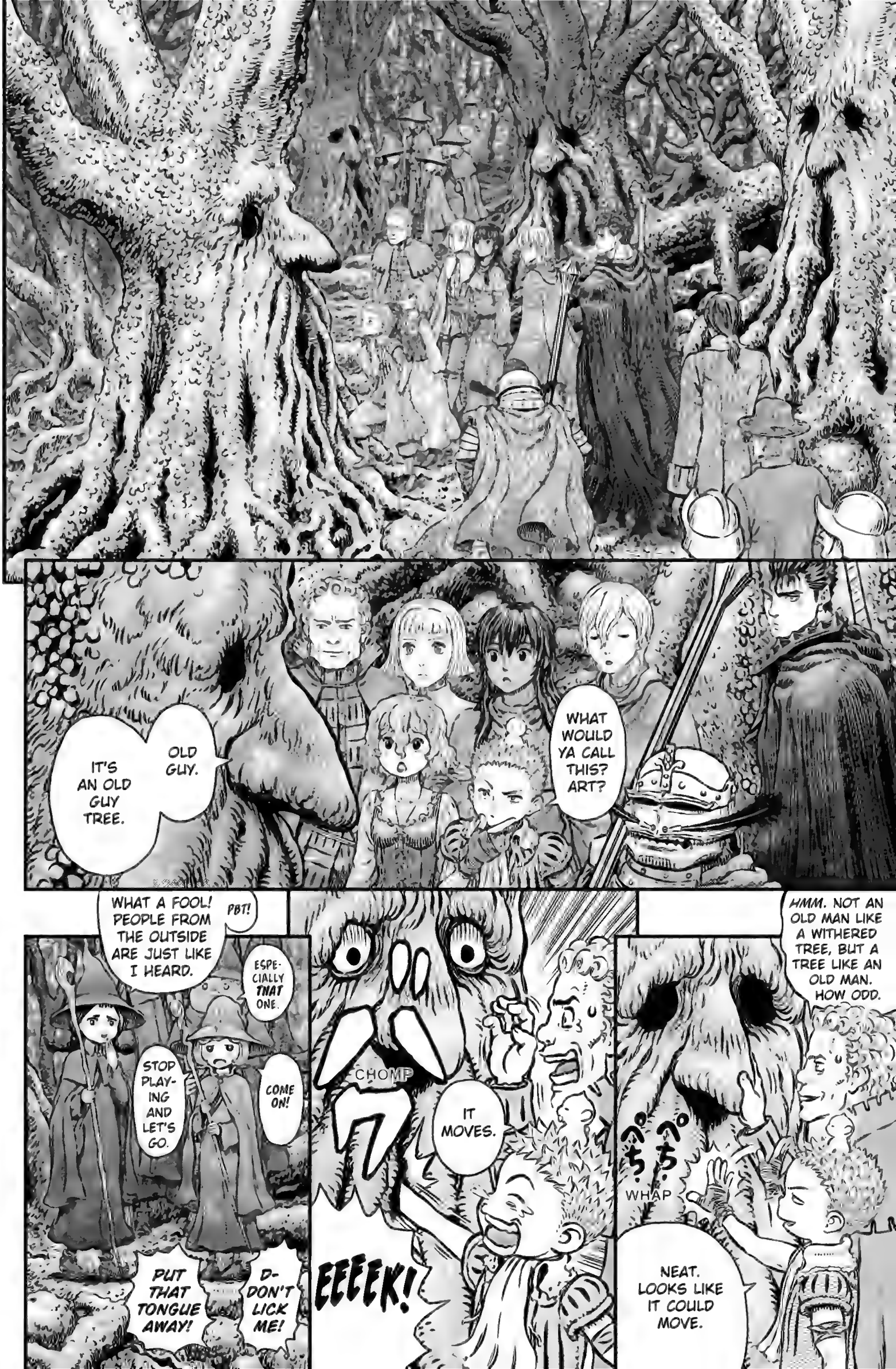
THAT'S HOW IT IS WITH GREAT MAGES.


WHAT WOULD YA CALL THIS? ART?
OLD GUY.
IT'S AN OLD GUY TREE.
HMM. NOT AN OLD MAN LIKE A WITHERED TREE, BUT A TREE LIKE AN OLD MAN. HOW ODD.
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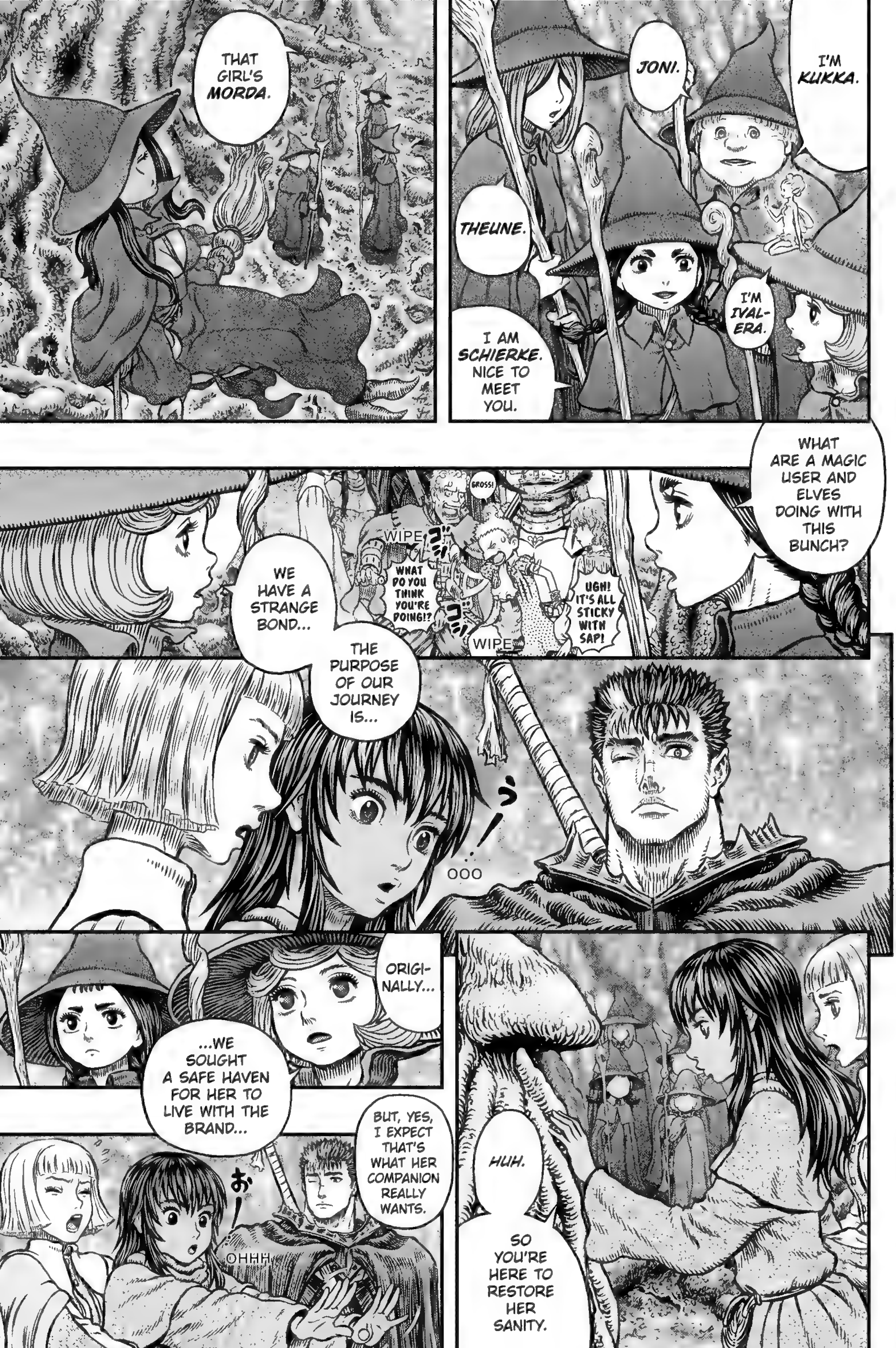
WHAP
NEAT. LOOKS LIKE IT COULD MOVE.
CHOMP
IT MOVES.
EEEEK!
WHAT A FOOL! PEOPLE FROM THE OUTSIDE ARE JUST LIKE I HEARD.
PBT!
ESPECIALLY THAT ONE.
COME ON!
STOP PLAYING AND LET'S GO.
D-DON'T LICK ME!
PUT THAT TONGUE AWAY!


I'M *KUKKA*.
JONI.
THEUNE.
I'M *IVALERA*.
I AM *SCHIERKE*. NICE TO MEET YOU.
THAT GIRL'S *MORDA*.
WHAT ARE A MAGIC USER AND ELVES DOING WITH THIS BUNCH?
GROSS!
WIPE ゴシ
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!?
UGH! IT'S ALL STICKY WITH SAP!
WIPE ゴシ
WE HAVE A STRANGE BOND...
THE PURPOSE OF OUR JOURNEY IS...
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OOO
HUH.
SO YOU'RE HERE TO RESTORE HER SANITY.
ORIGINALLY...
...WE SOUGHT A SAFE HAVEN FOR HER TO LIVE WITH THE BRAND...
BUT, YES, I EXPECT THAT'S WHAT HER COMPANION REALLY WANTS.
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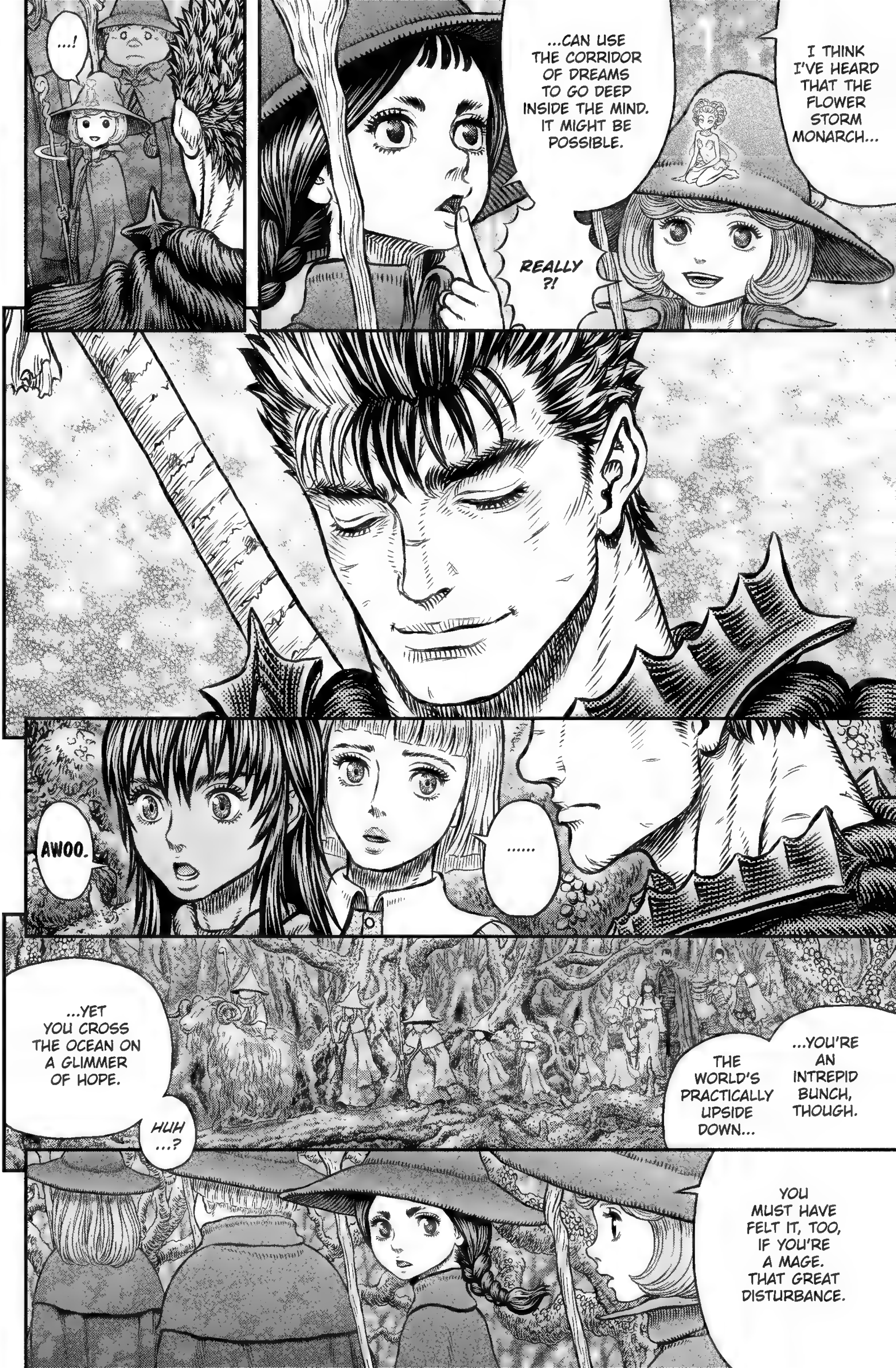
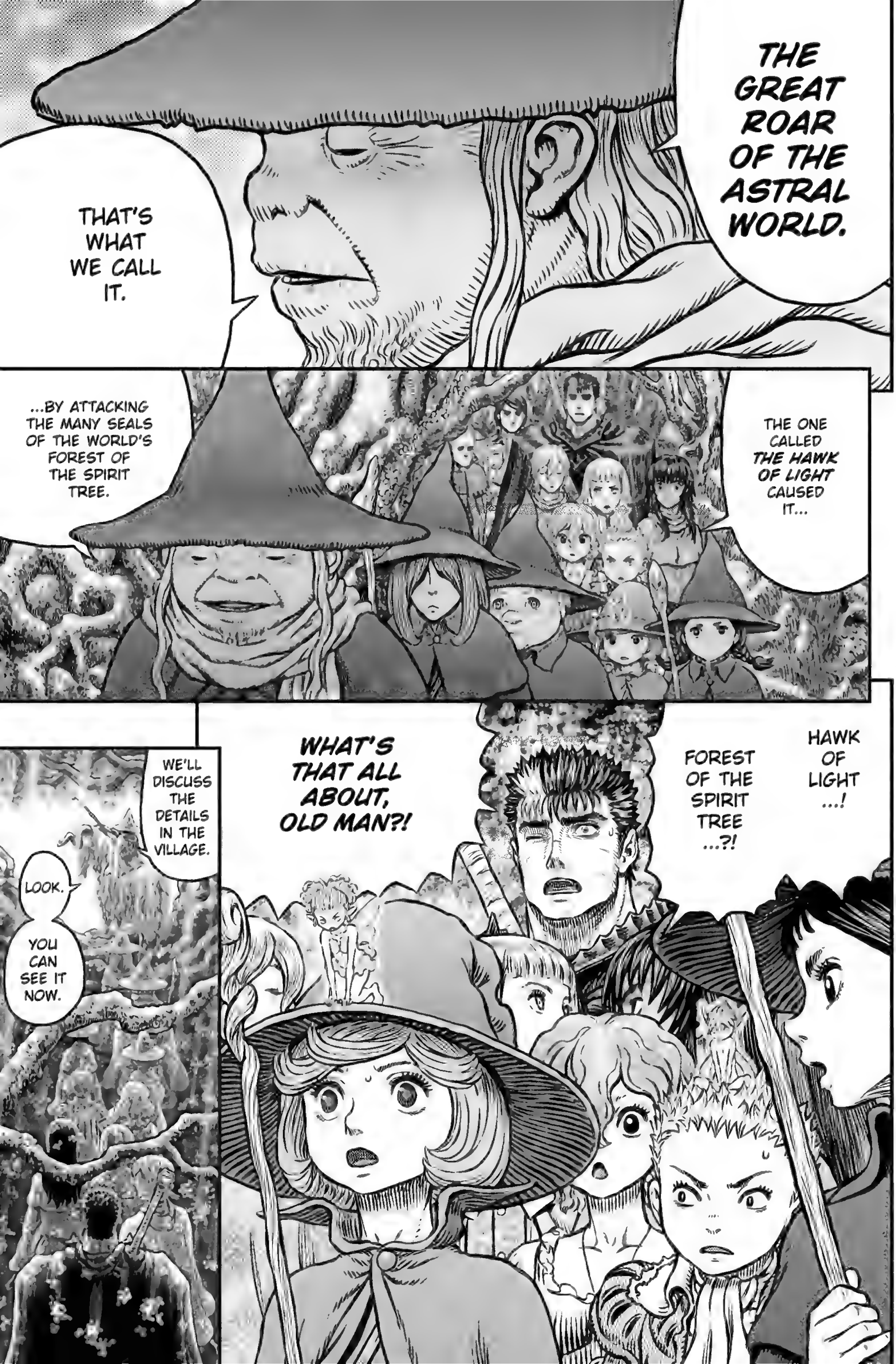
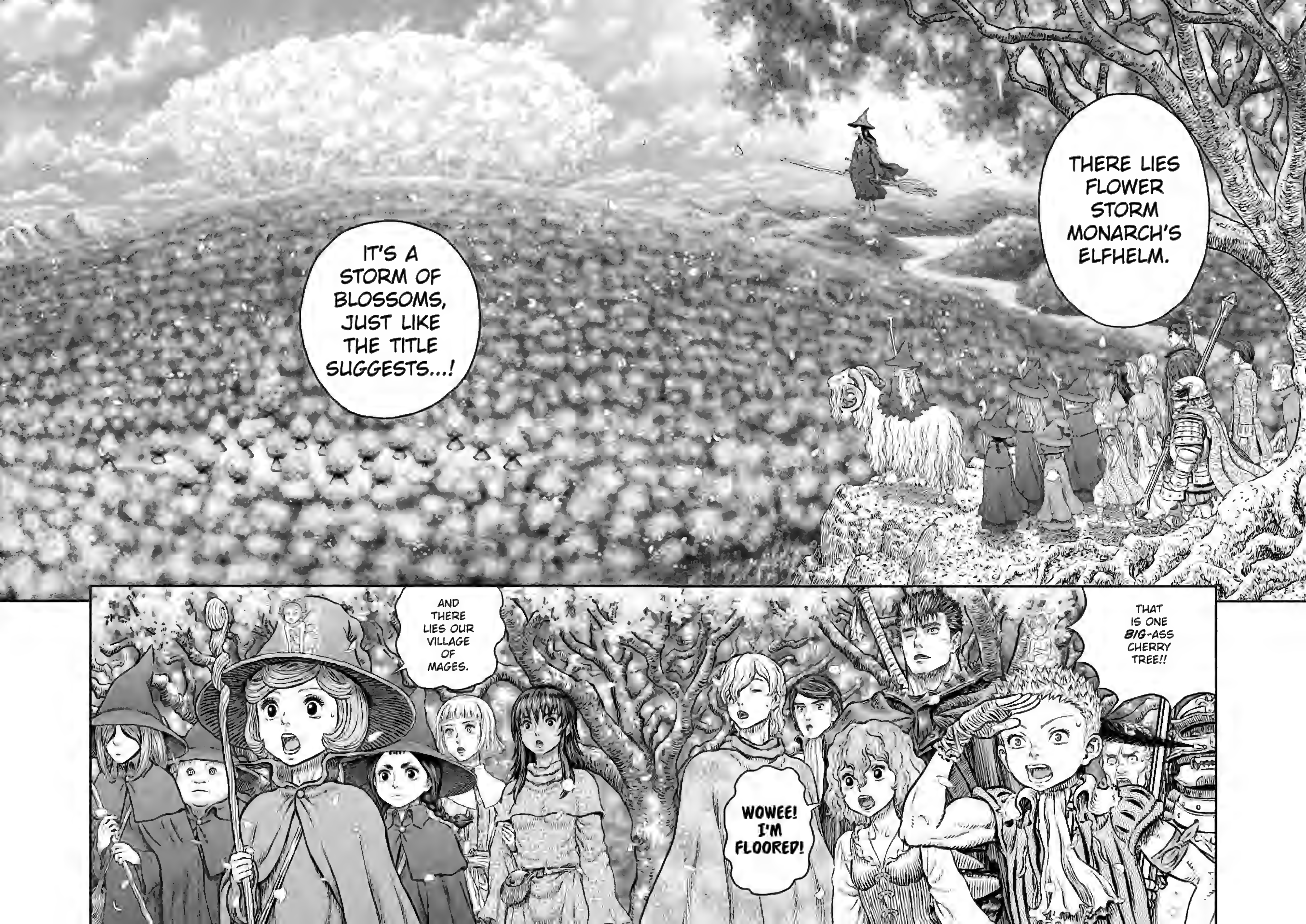
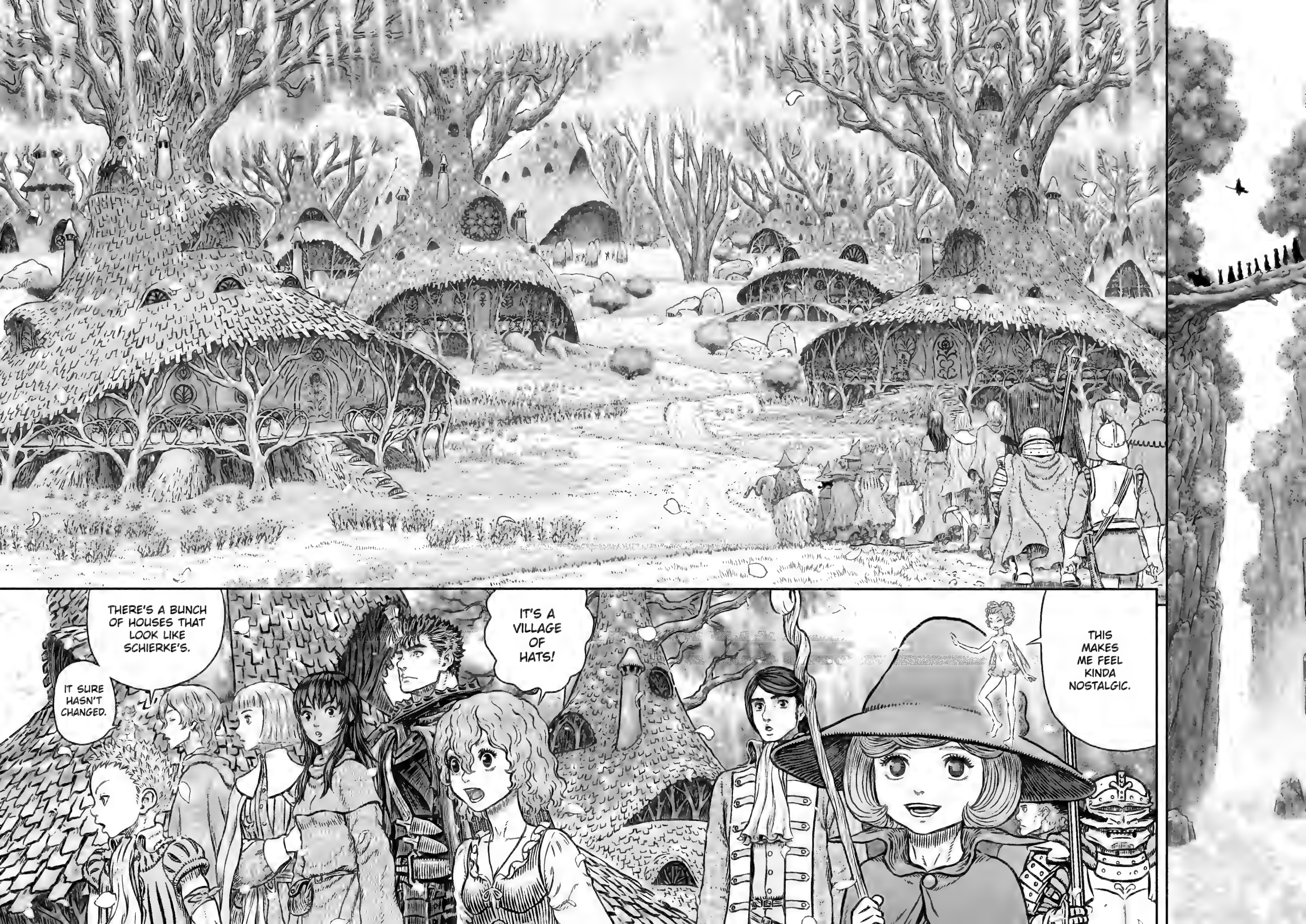
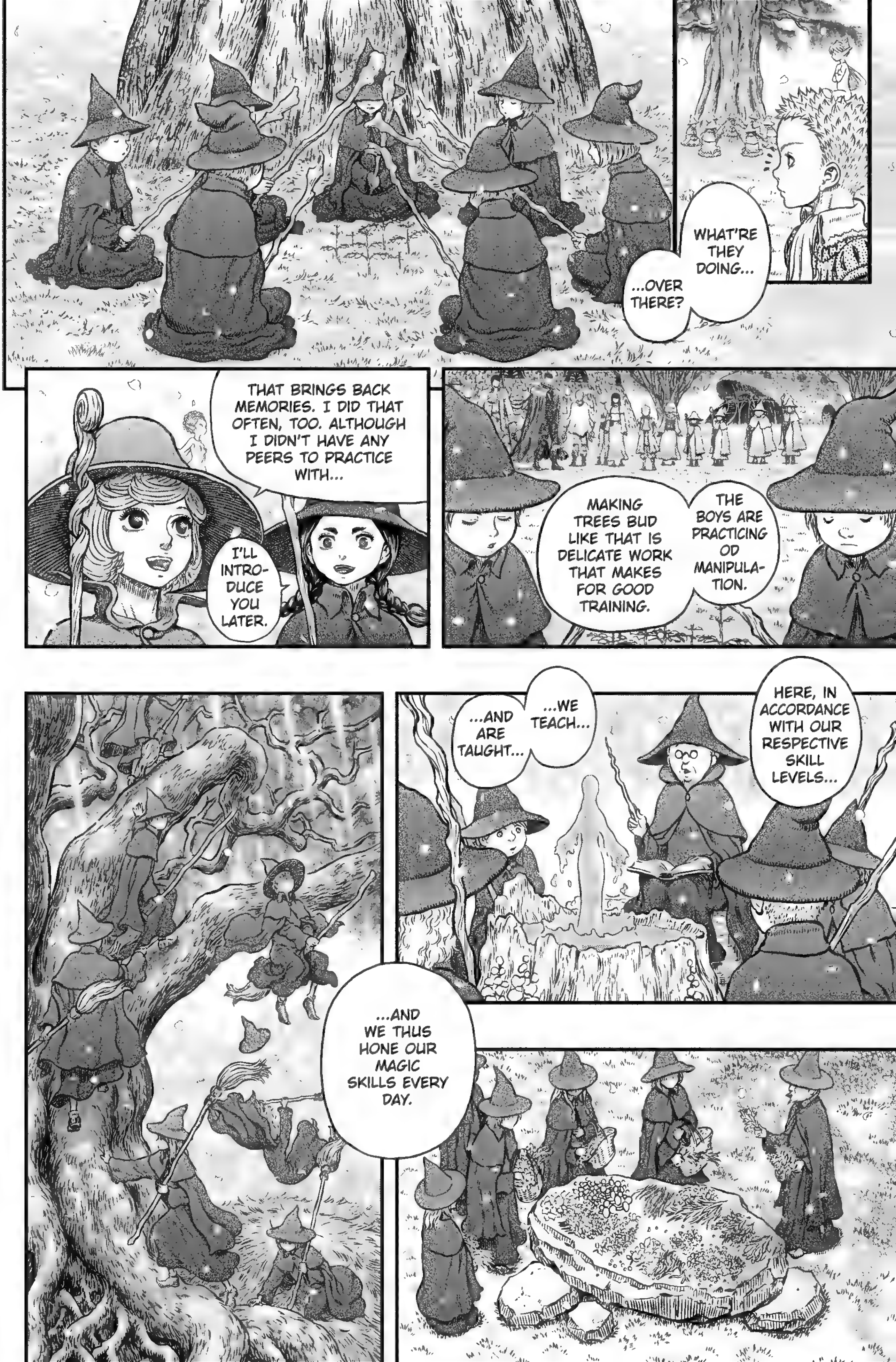
OHHH

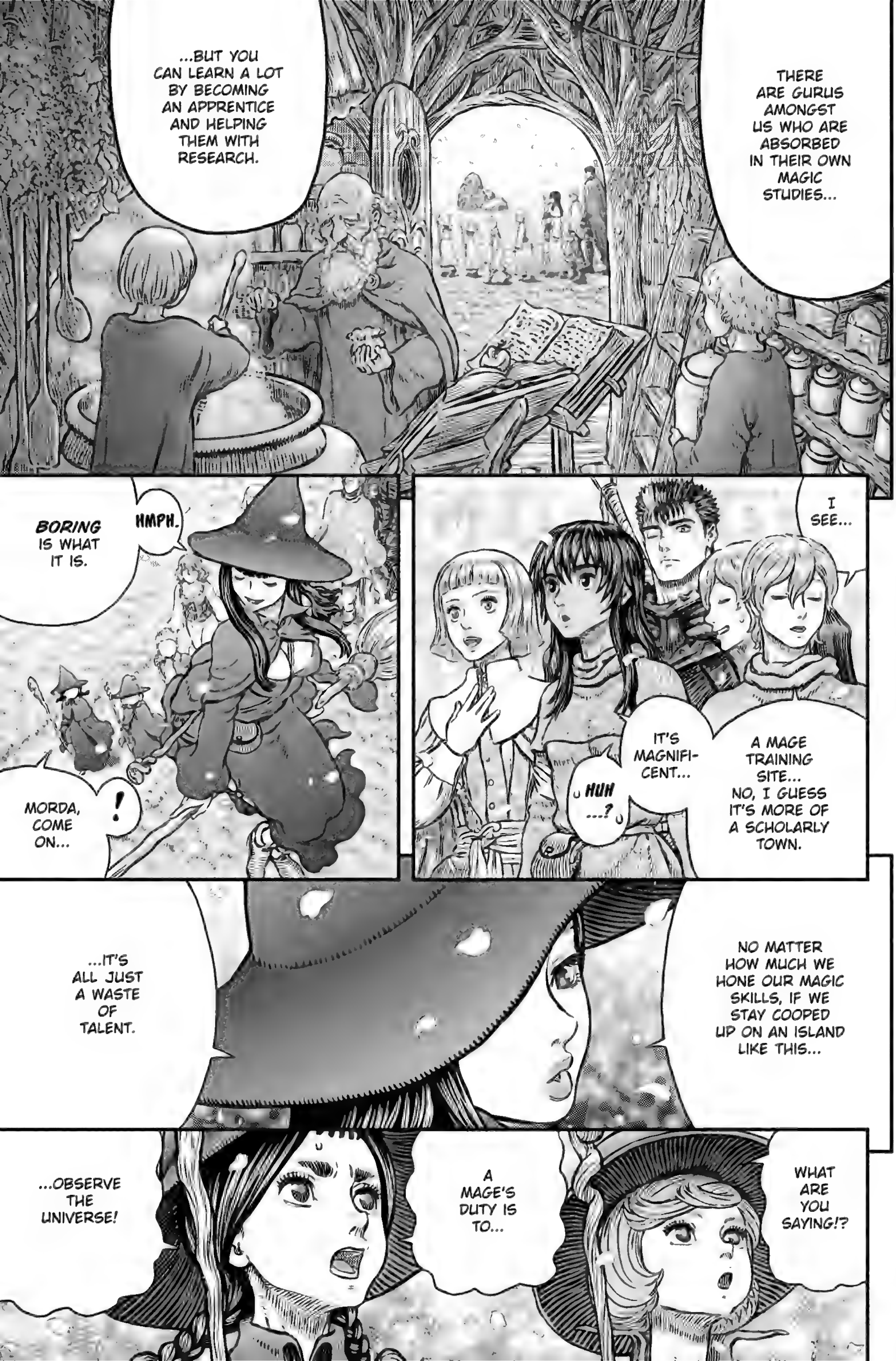

I THINK I'VE HEARD THAT THE FLOWER STORM MONARCH...
...CAN USE THE CORRIDOR OF DREAMS TO GO DEEP INSIDE THE MIND. IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE.
REALLY ?!
...!
......
AWOO.
...YOU'RE AN INTREPID BUNCH, THOUGH.
THE WORLD'S PRACTICALLY UPSIDE DOWN...
...YET YOU CROSS THE OCEAN ON A GLIMMER OF HOPE.
HUH ...?
YOU MUST HAVE FELT IT, TOO, IF YOU'RE A MAGE. THAT GREAT DISTURBANCE.

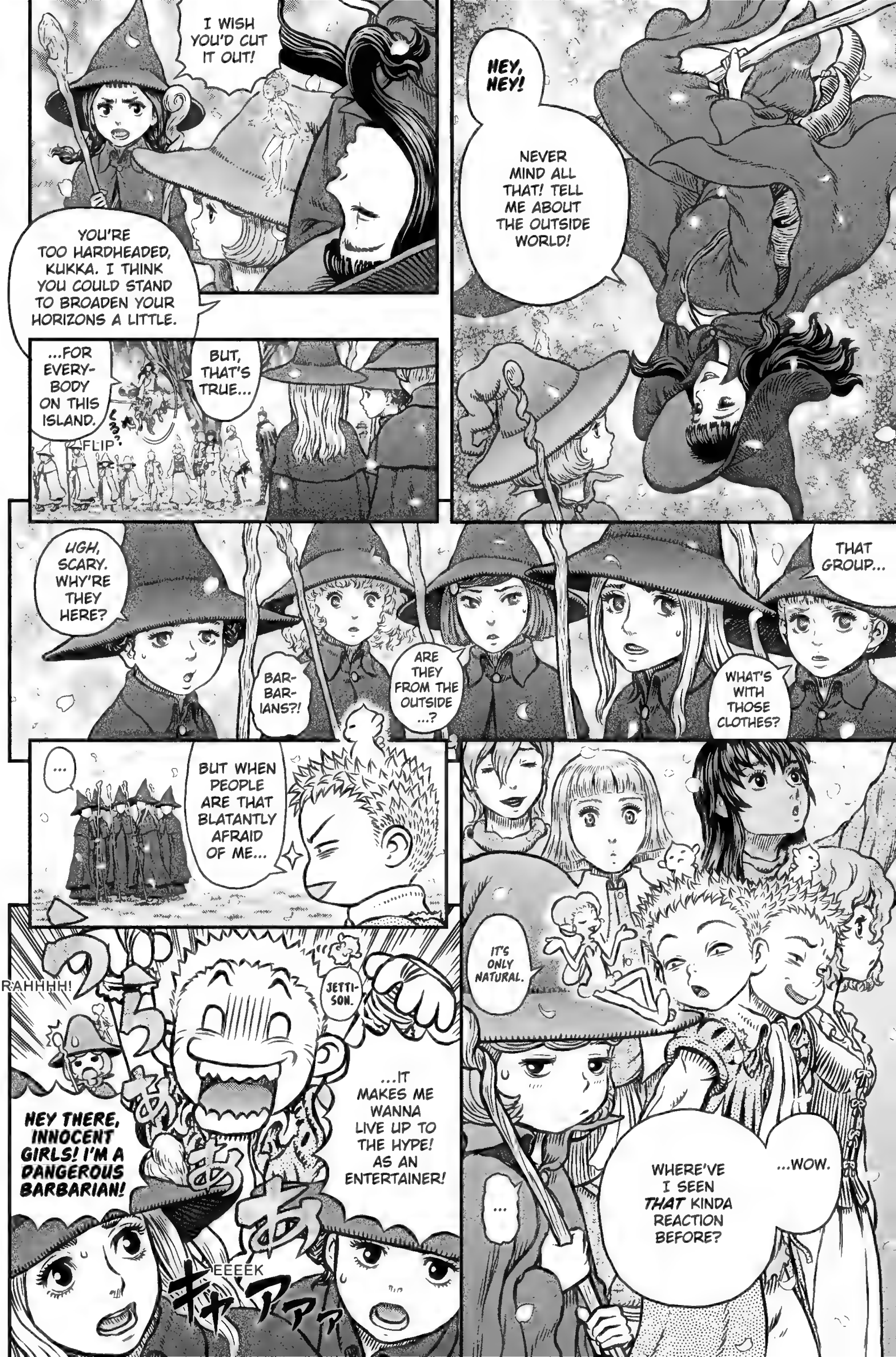

THE GREAT ROAR OF THE ASTRAL WORLD.
THAT'S WHAT WE CALL IT.
THE ONE CALLED *THE HAWK OF LIGHT* CAUSED IT...
...BY ATTACKING THE MANY SEALS OF THE WORLD'S FOREST OF THE SPIRIT TREE.
HAWK OF LIGHT ...!
FOREST OF THE SPIRIT TREE ...?!
WHAT'S THAT ALL ABOUT, OLD MAN?!
WE'LL DISCUSS THE DETAILS IN THE VILLAGE.
LOOK.
YOU CAN SEE IT NOW.


THERE LIES FLOWER STORM MONARCH'S ELFHELM.
IT'S A STORM OF BLOSSOMS, JUST LIKE THE TITLE SUGGESTS...!
THAT IS ONE BIG-ASS CHERRY TREE!!
WOWEE! I'M FLOORED!
AND THERE LIES OUR VILLAGE OF MAGES.


THIS MAKES ME FEEL KINDA NOSTALGIC.
IT'S A VILLAGE OF HATS!
THERE'S A BUNCH OF HOUSES THAT LOOK LIKE SCHIERKE'S.
IT SURE HASN'T CHANGED.


WHAT'RE THEY DOING...
...OVER THERE?
THE BOYS ARE PRACTICING OD MANIPULATION.
MAKING TREES BUD LIKE THAT IS DELICATE WORK THAT MAKES FOR GOOD TRAINING.
THAT BRINGS BACK MEMORIES. I DID THAT OFTEN, TOO. ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T HAVE ANY PEERS TO PRACTICE WITH...
I'LL INTRODUCE YOU LATER.
HERE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR RESPECTIVE SKILL LEVELS...
...WE TEACH...
...AND ARE TAUGHT...
...AND WE THUS HONE OUR MAGIC SKILLS EVERY DAY.


THERE ARE GURUS AMONGST US WHO ARE ABSORBED IN THEIR OWN MAGIC STUDIES...
...BUT YOU CAN LEARN A LOT BY BECOMING AN APPRENTICE AND HELPING THEM WITH RESEARCH.
I SEE...
A MAGE TRAINING SITE... NO, I GUESS IT'S MORE OF A SCHOLARLY TOWN.
IT'S MAGNIFICENT...
HUH ...?
HMPH.
BORING IS WHAT IT IS.
!
MORDA, COME ON...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE HONE OUR MAGIC SKILLS, IF WE STAY COOPED UP ON AN ISLAND LIKE THIS...
...IT'S ALL JUST A WASTE OF TALENT.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
A MAGE'S DUTY IS TO...
...OBSERVE THE UNIVERSE!


HEY, HEY!
NEVER MIND ALL THAT! TELL ME ABOUT THE OUTSIDE WORLD!
I WISH YOU'D CUT IT OUT!
YOU'RE TOO HARDHEADED, KUKKA. I THINK YOU COULD STAND TO BROADEN YOUR HORIZONS A LITTLE.
BUT, THAT'S TRUE...
...FOR EVERYBODY ON THIS ISLAND.
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FLIP
THAT GROUP...
WHAT'S WITH THOSE CLOTHES?
ARE THEY FROM THE OUTSIDE ...?
BARBARIANS?!
UGH, SCARY. WHY'RE THEY HERE?
...WOW.
WHERE'VE I SEEN *THAT* KINDA REACTION BEFORE?
...
IT'S ONLY NATURAL.
...
BUT WHEN PEOPLE ARE THAT BLATANTLY AFRAID OF ME...
JETTISON.
...IT MAKES ME WANNA LIVE UP TO THE HYPE! AS AN ENTERTAINER!
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RAHHHH!
HEY THERE, INNOCENT GIRLS! I'M A DANGEROUS BARBARIAN!
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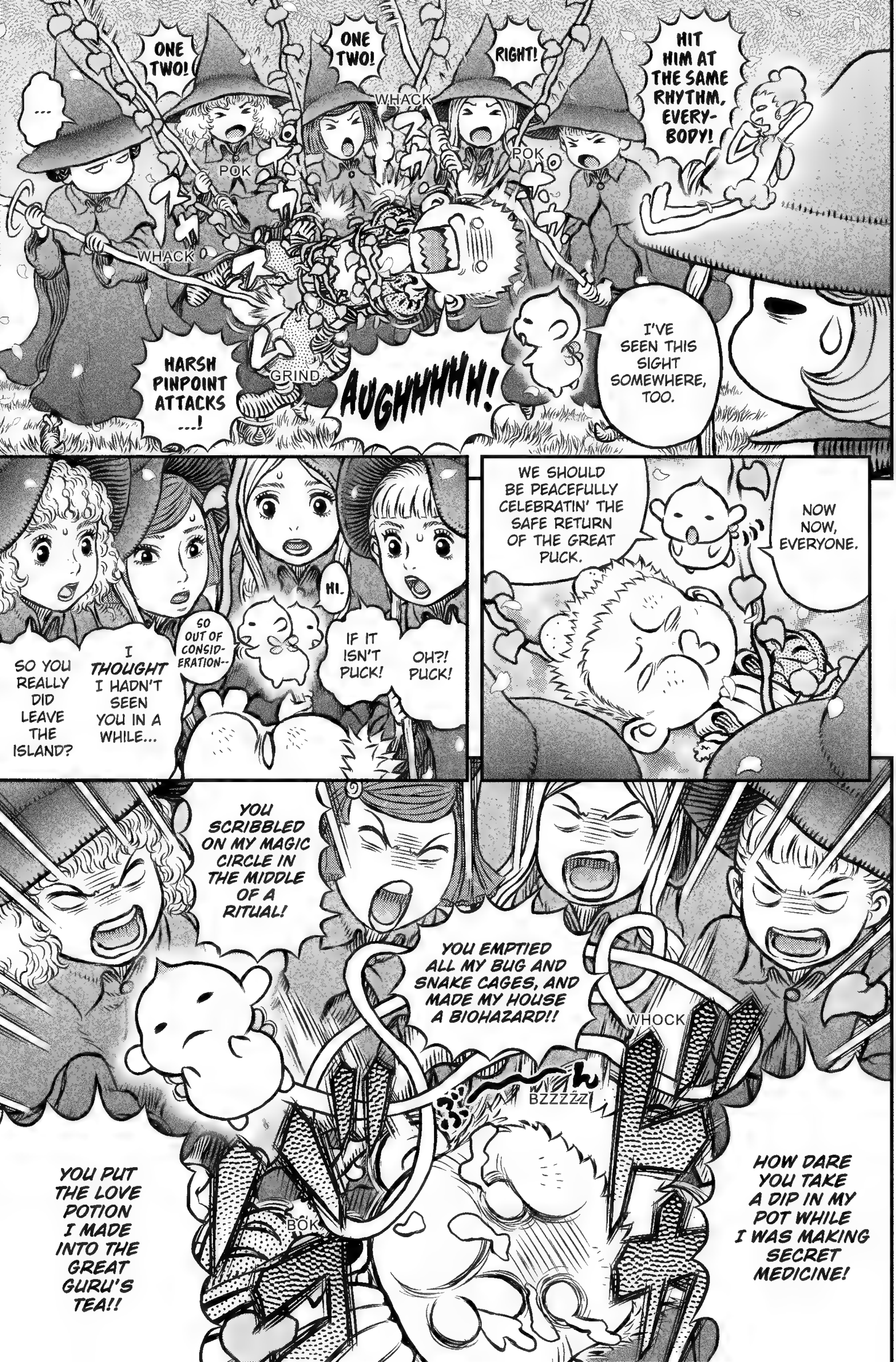
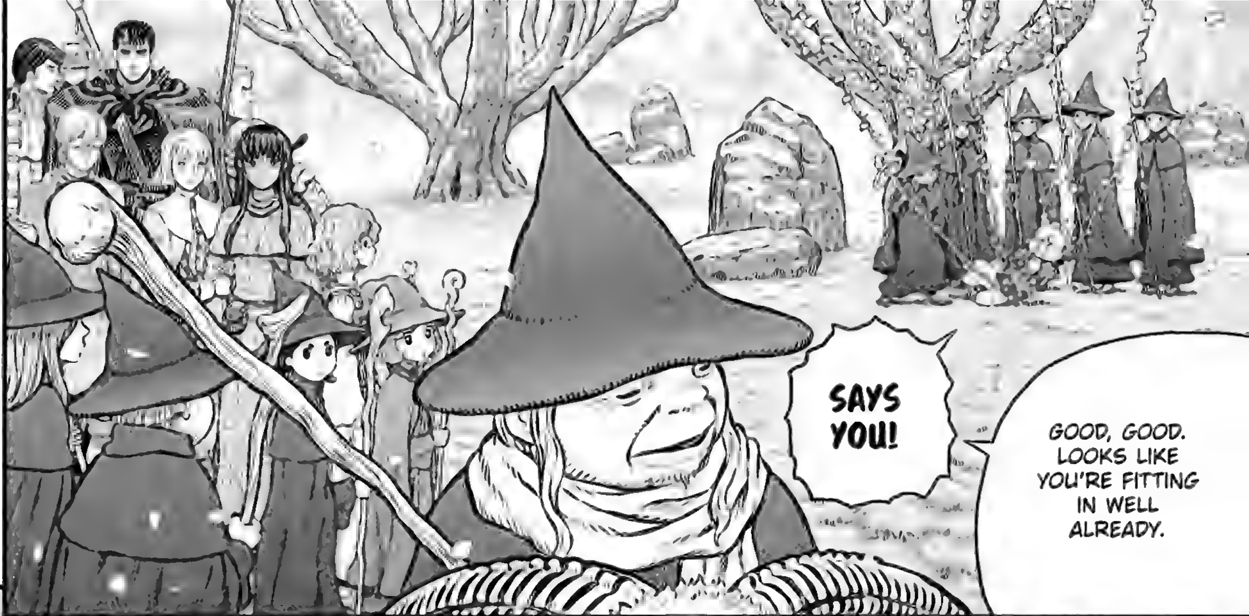
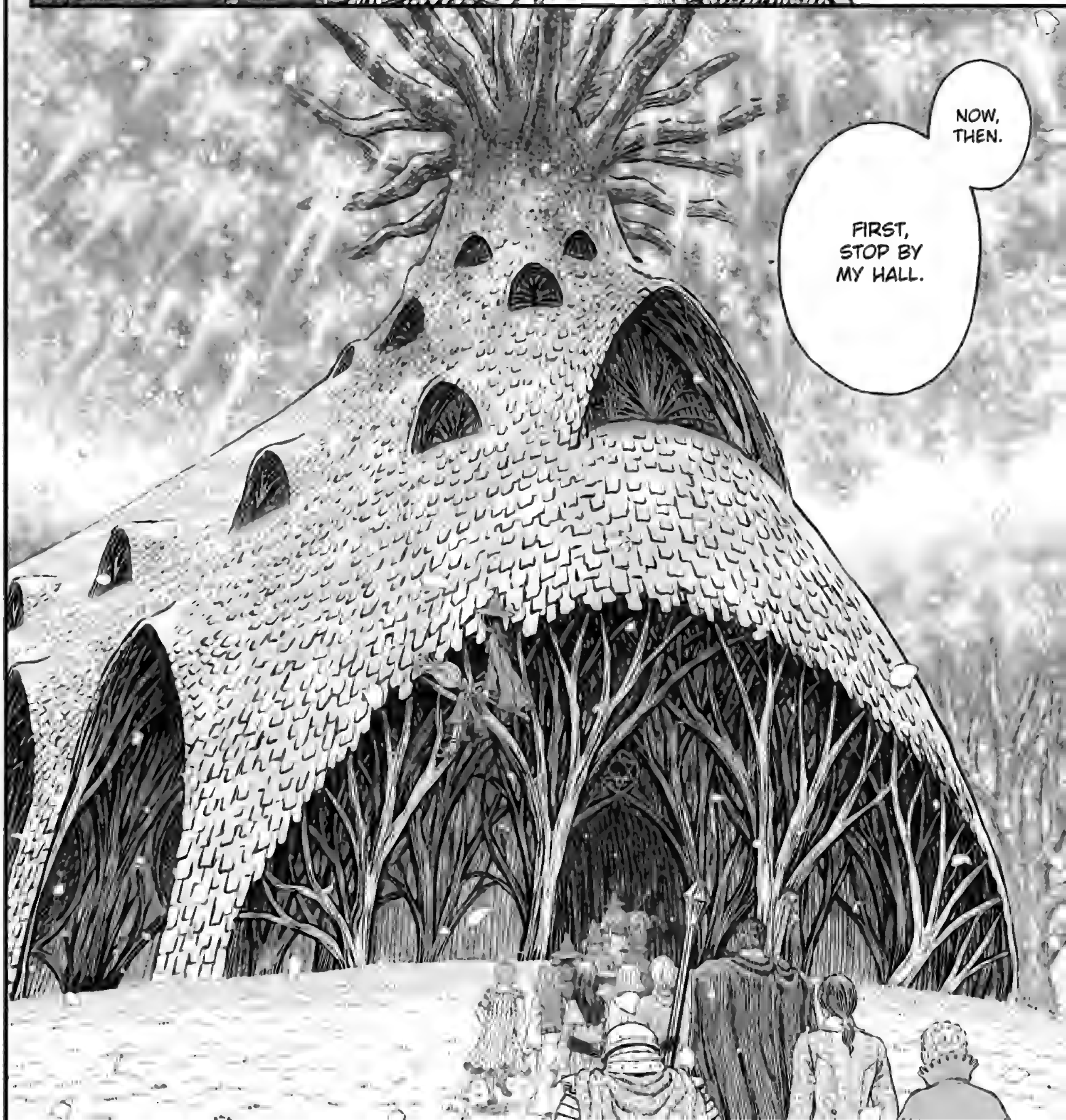
EEEEK


HIT HIM AT THE SAME RHYTHM, EVERYBODY!
RIGHT!
ONE TWO!
ONE TWO!
...
WHACK
POK
POK
WHACK
GRIND
I'VE SEEN THIS SIGHT SOMEWHERE, TOO.
AUGHHHHH!
HARSH PINPOINT ATTACKS ...!
NOW NOW, EVERYONE.
WE SHOULD BE PEACEFULLY CELEBRATIN' THE SAFE RETURN OF THE GREAT PUCK.
OH?! PUCK!
IF IT ISN'T PUCK!
HI.
SO OUT OF CONSIDERATION--
I THOUGHT I HADN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE...
SO YOU REALLY DID LEAVE THE ISLAND?
YOU SCRIBBLED ON MY MAGIC CIRCLE IN THE MIDDLE OF A RITUAL!
YOU EMPTIED ALL MY BUG AND SNAKE CAGES, AND MADE MY HOUSE A BIOHAZARD!!
WHOCK
BZZZZZ
HOW DARE YOU TAKE A DIP IN MY POT WHILE I WAS MAKING SECRET MEDICINE!
BOK
YOU PUT THE LOVE POTION I MADE INTO THE GREAT GURU'S TEA!!


GOOD, GOOD. LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE FITTING IN WELL ALREADY.
SAYS YOU!


NOW, THEN.
FIRST, STOP BY MY HALL.

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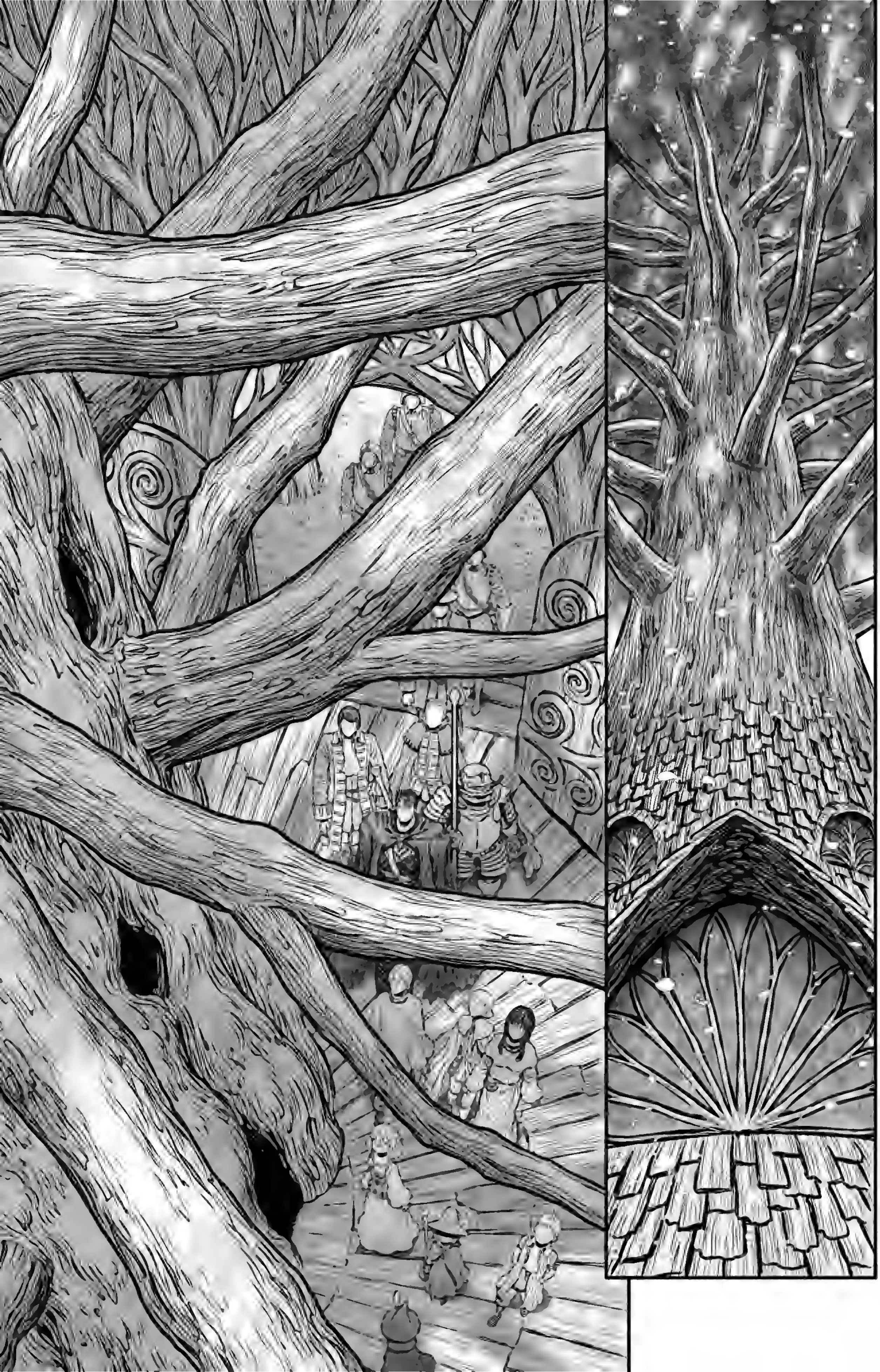
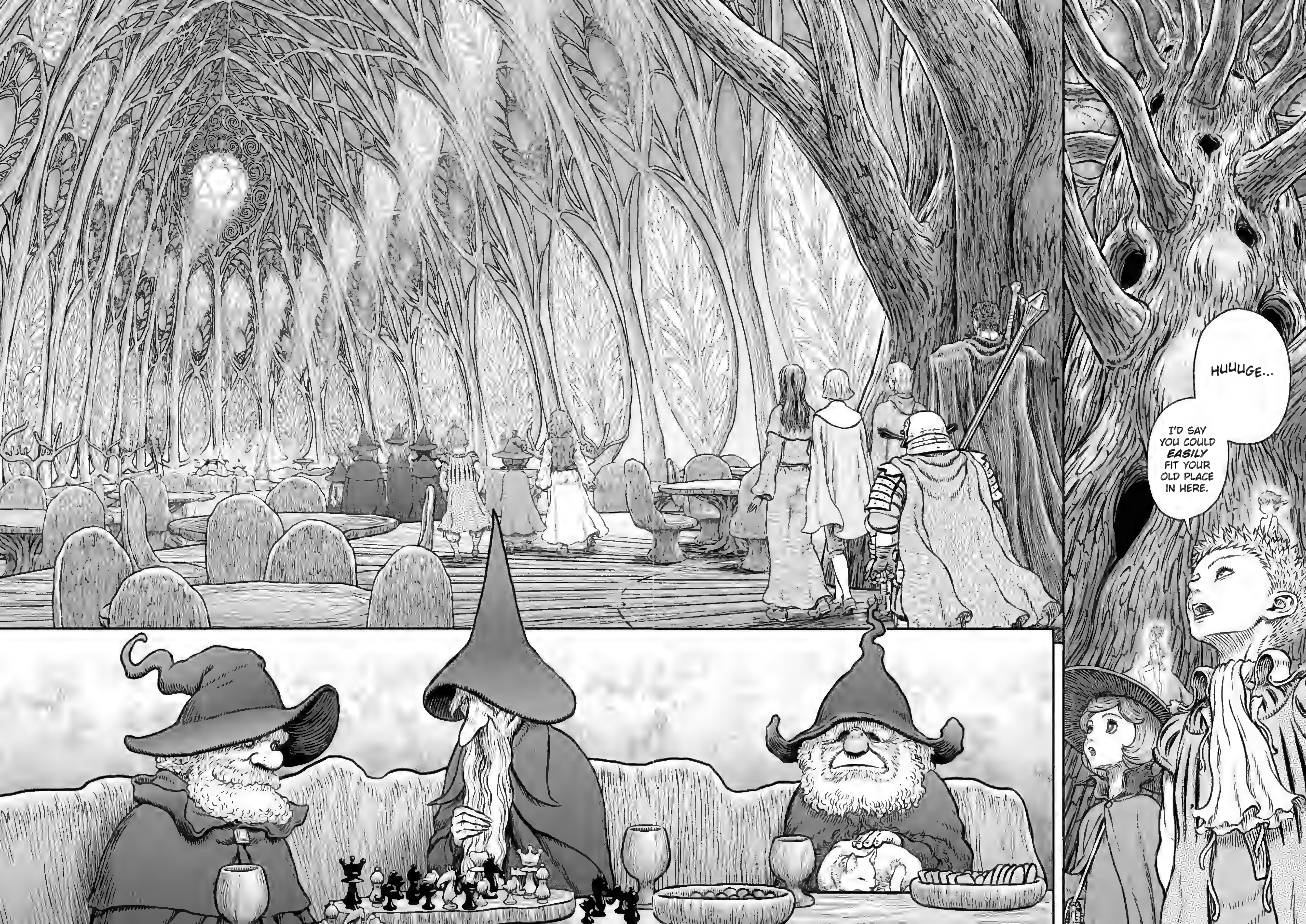
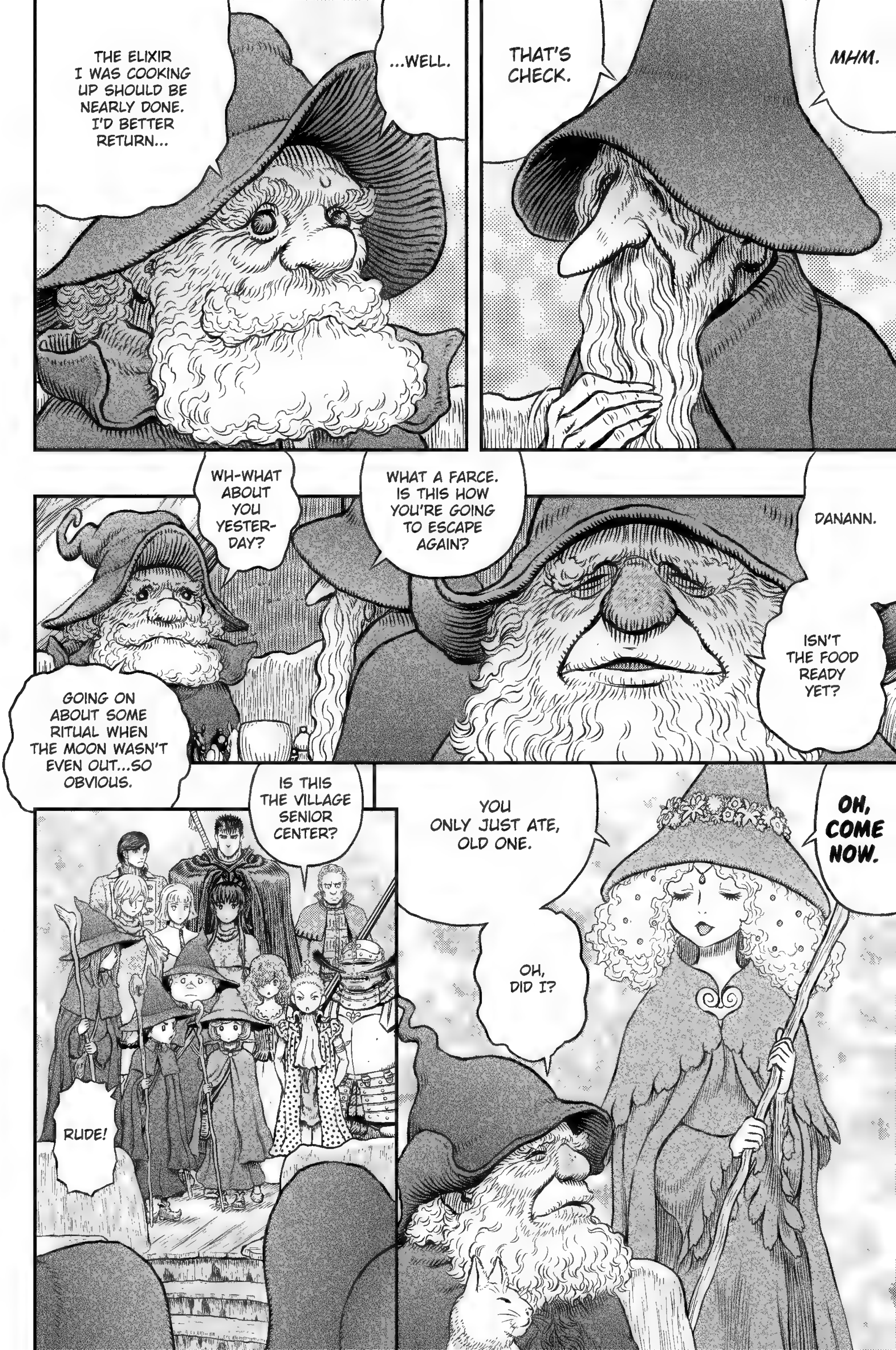
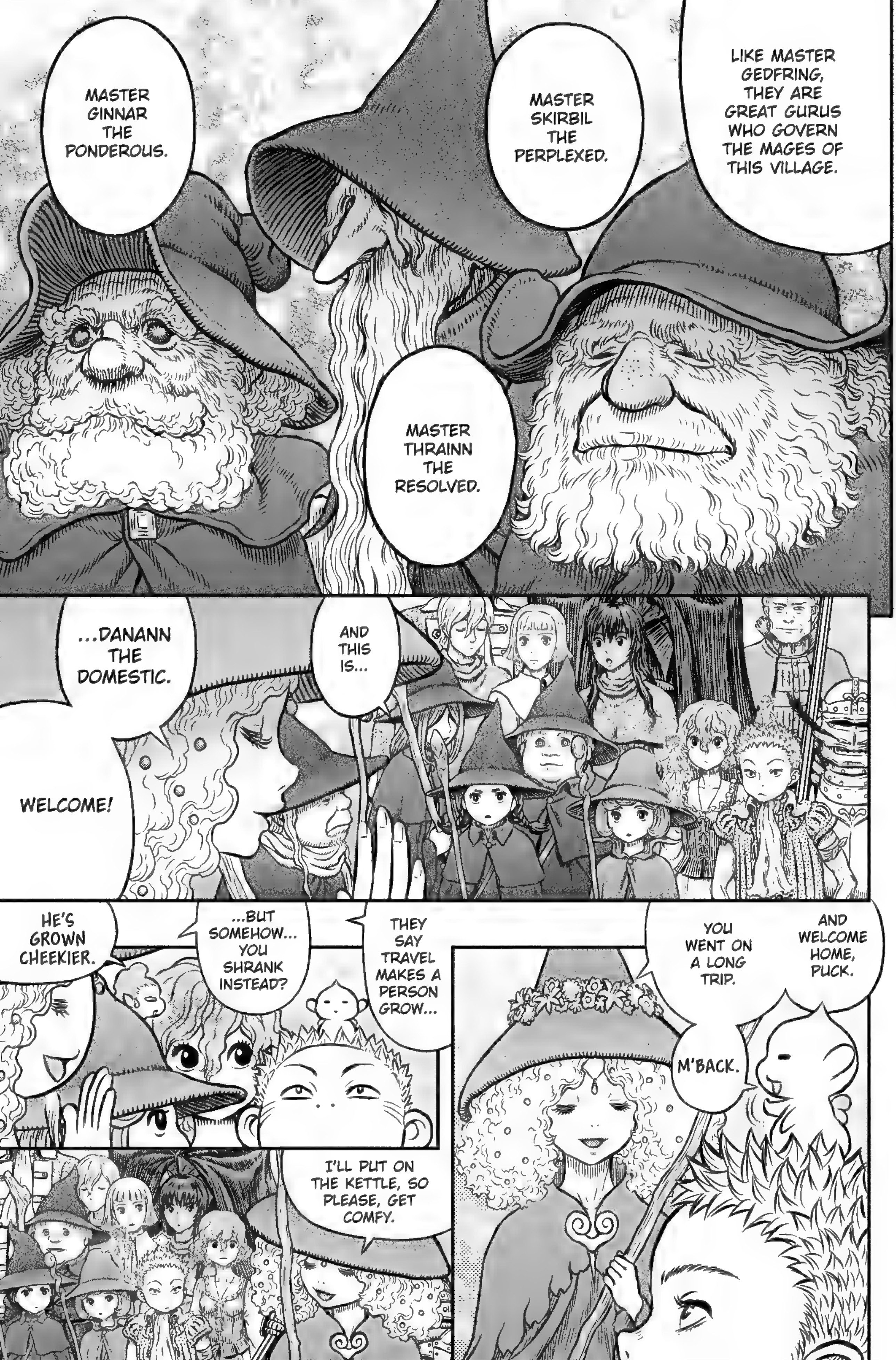
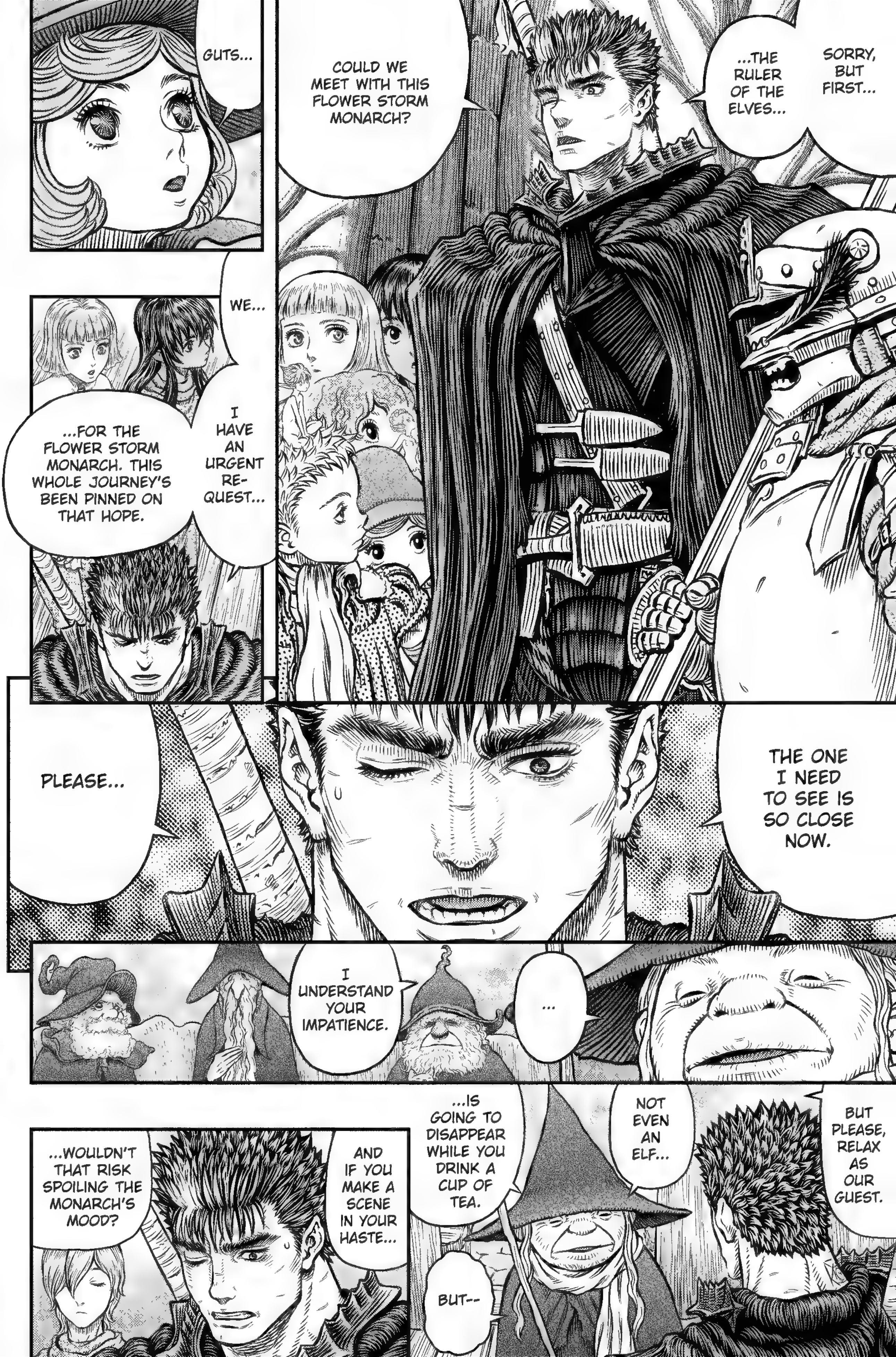
GREAT GURUS

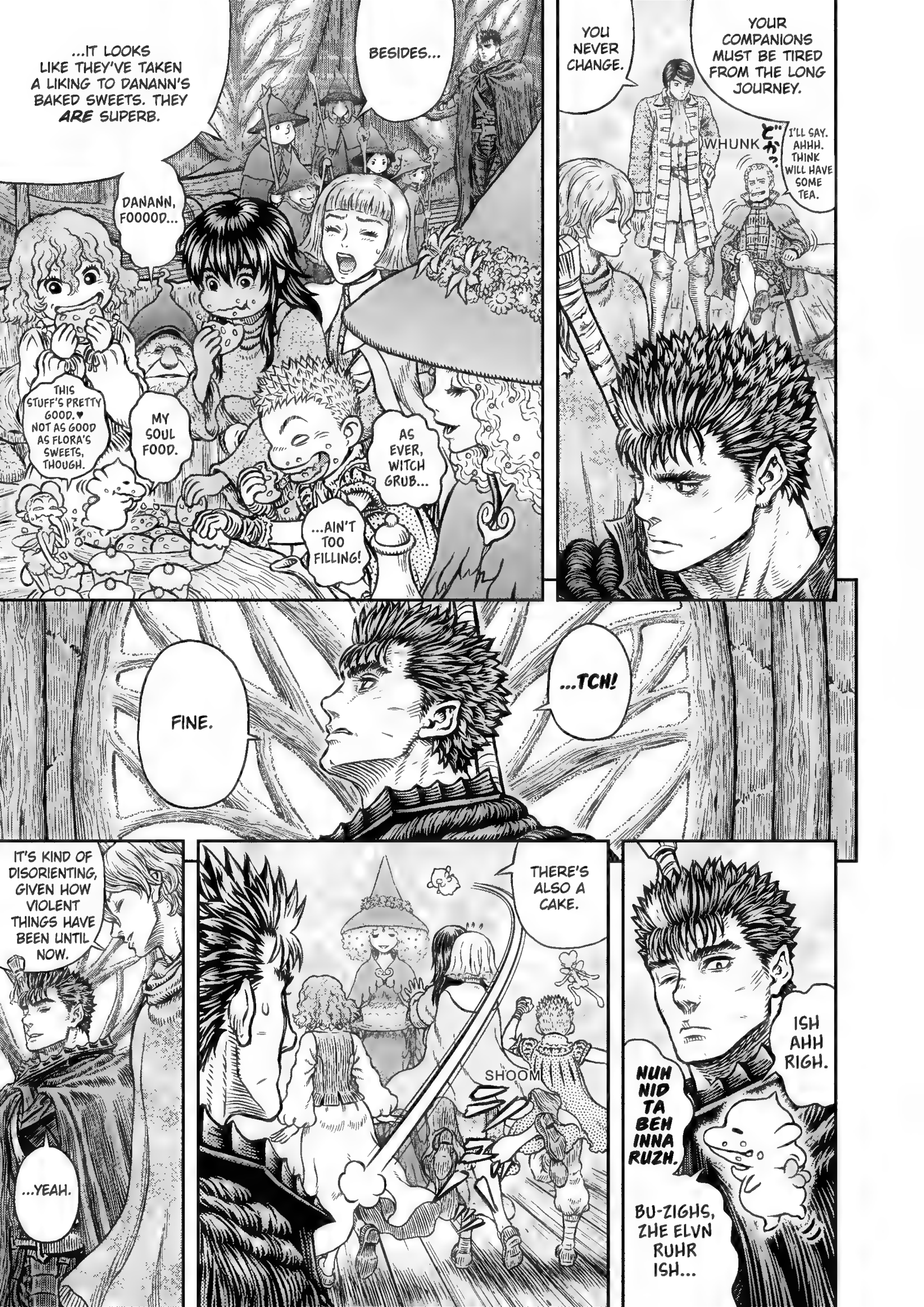



HUUUGE...
I'D SAY YOU COULD *EASILY* FIT YOUR OLD PLACE IN HERE.


MHM.
THAT'S CHECK.
...WELL.
THE ELIXIR I WAS COOKING UP SHOULD BE NEARLY DONE. I'D BETTER RETURN...
DANANN.
ISN'T THE FOOD READY YET?
WHAT A FARCE. IS THIS HOW YOU'RE GOING TO ESCAPE AGAIN?
WH-WHAT ABOUT YOU YESTERDAY?
GOING ON ABOUT SOME RITUAL WHEN THE MOON WASN'T EVEN OUT...SO OBVIOUS.
OH, COME NOW.
YOU ONLY JUST ATE, OLD ONE.
OH, DID I?
IS THIS THE VILLAGE SENIOR CENTER?
RUDE!


LIKE MASTER GEDFRING, THEY ARE GREAT GURUS WHO GOVERN THE MAGES OF THIS VILLAGE.
MASTER SKIRBIL THE PERPLEXED.
MASTER GINNAR THE PONDEROUS.
MASTER THRAINN THE RESOLVED.
AND THIS IS...
...DANANN THE DOMESTIC.
WELCOME!
AND WELCOME HOME, PUCK.
YOU WENT ON A LONG TRIP.
M'BACK.
THEY SAY TRAVEL MAKES A PERSON GROW...
...BUT SOMEHOW... YOU SHRANK INSTEAD?
HE'S GROWN CHEEKIER.
I'LL PUT ON THE KETTLE, SO PLEASE, GET COMFY.


SORRY, BUT FIRST...
...THE RULER OF THE ELVES...
COULD WE MEET WITH THIS FLOWER STORM MONARCH?
GUTS...
WE...
I HAVE AN URGENT REQUEST...
...FOR THE FLOWER STORM MONARCH. THIS WHOLE JOURNEY'S BEEN PINNED ON THAT HOPE.
THE ONE I NEED TO SEE IS SO CLOSE NOW.
PLEASE...
...
I UNDERSTAND YOUR IMPATIENCE.
BUT PLEASE, RELAX AS OUR GUEST.
NOT EVEN AN ELF...
...IS GOING TO DISAPPEAR WHILE YOU DRINK A CUP OF TEA.
BUT--
AND IF YOU MAKE A SCENE IN YOUR HASTE...
...WOULDN'T THAT RISK SPOILING THE MONARCH'S MOOD?


YOUR COMPANIONS MUST BE TIRED FROM THE LONG JOURNEY.
YOU NEVER CHANGE.
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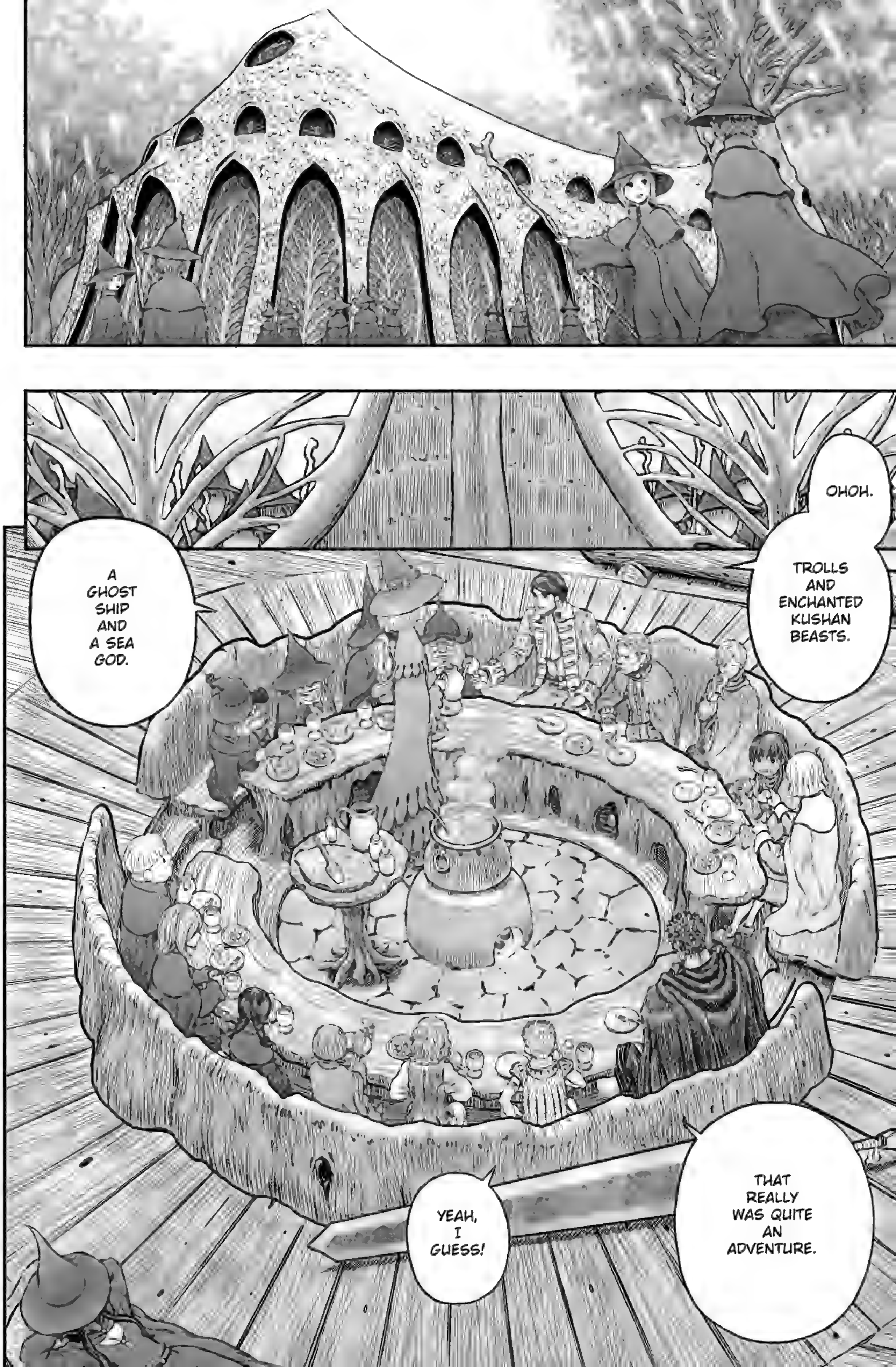
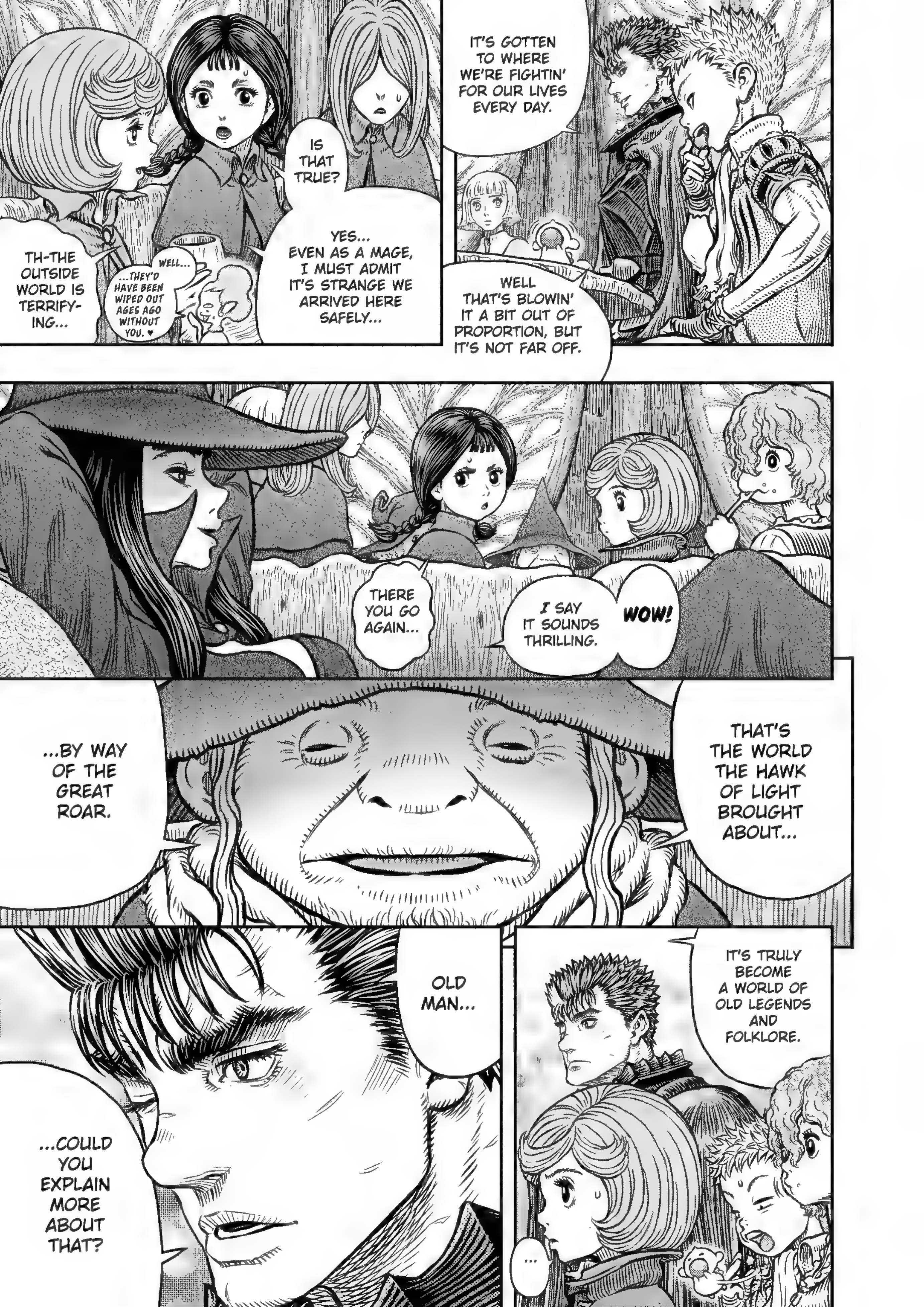
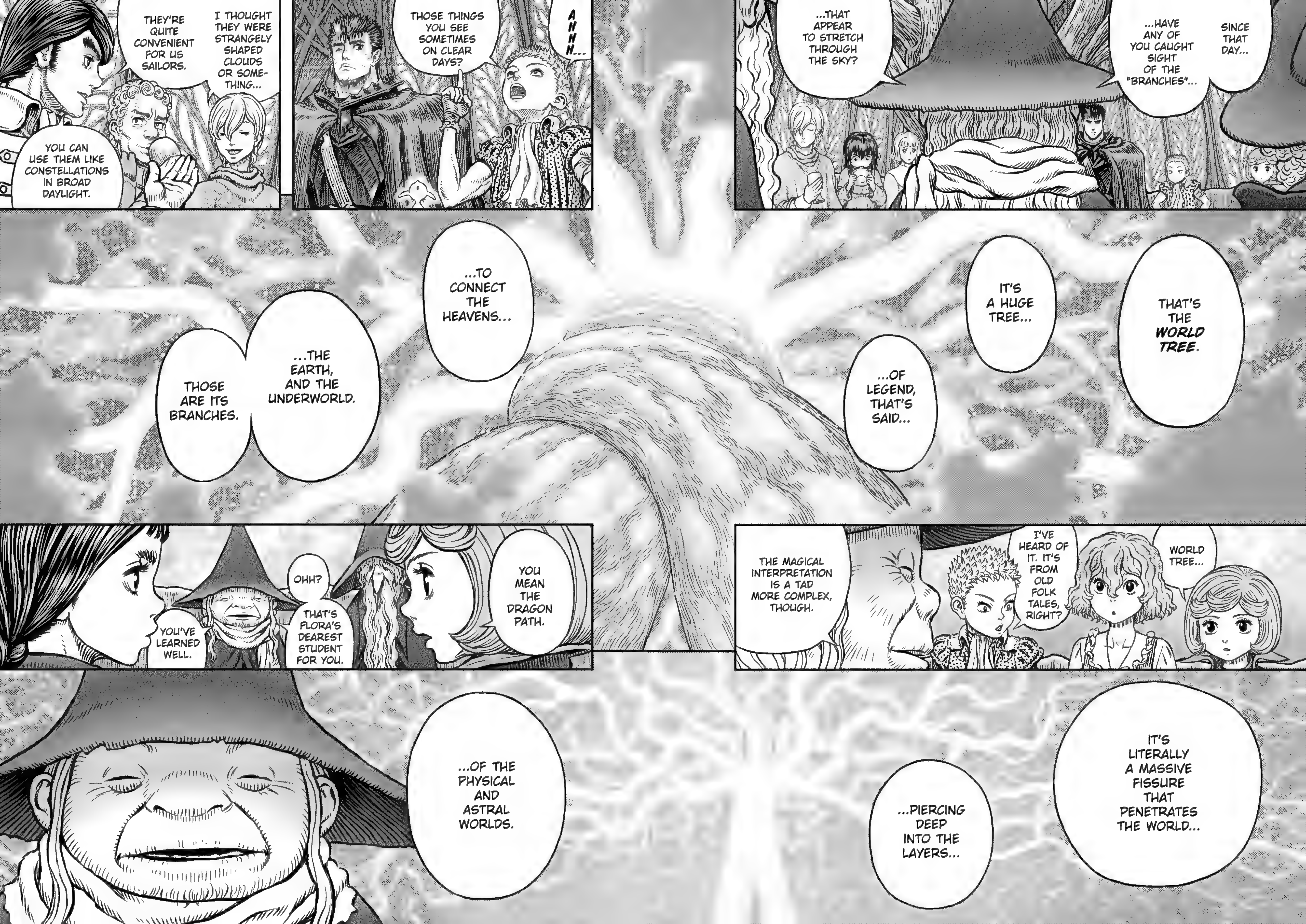
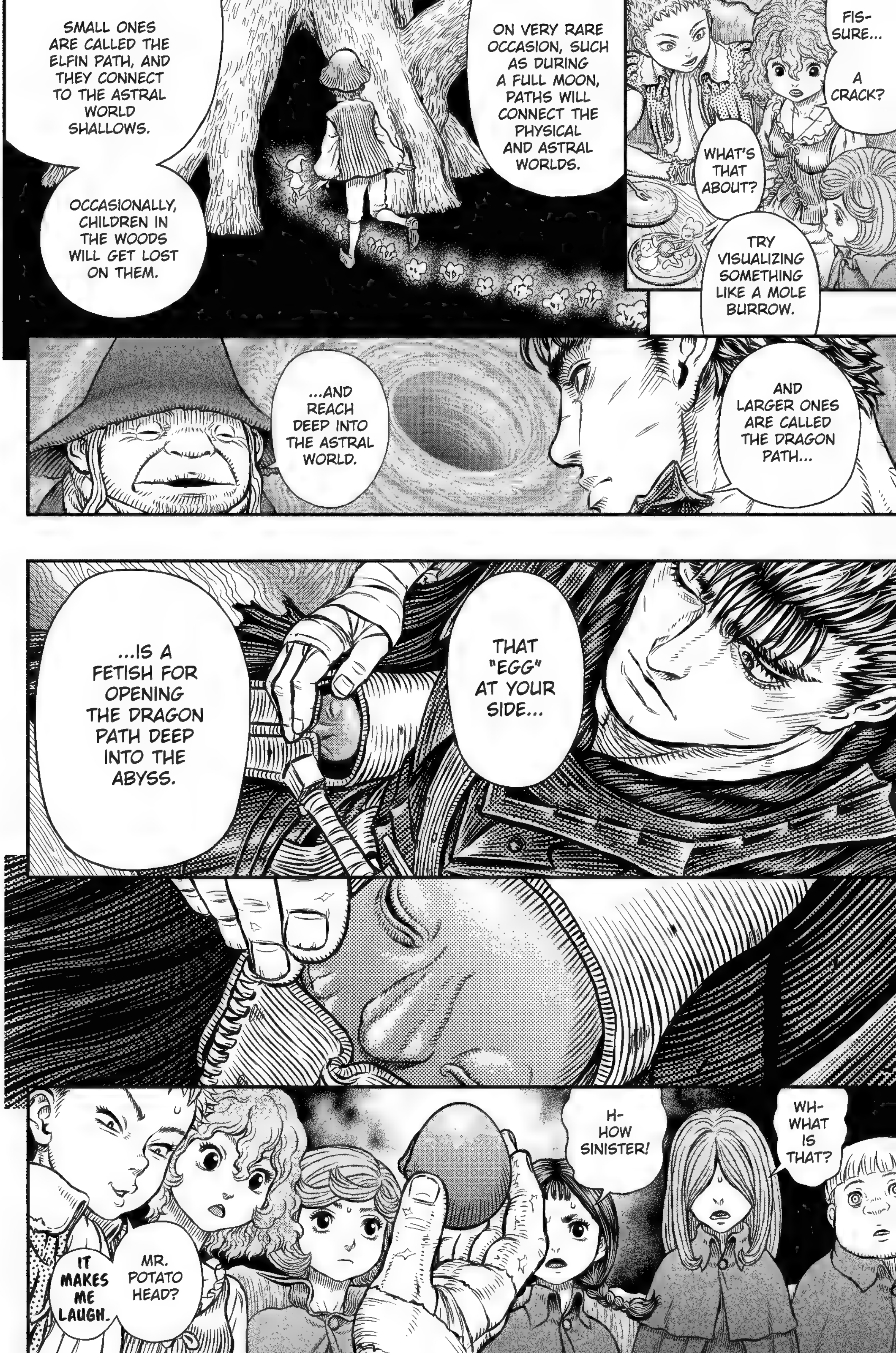
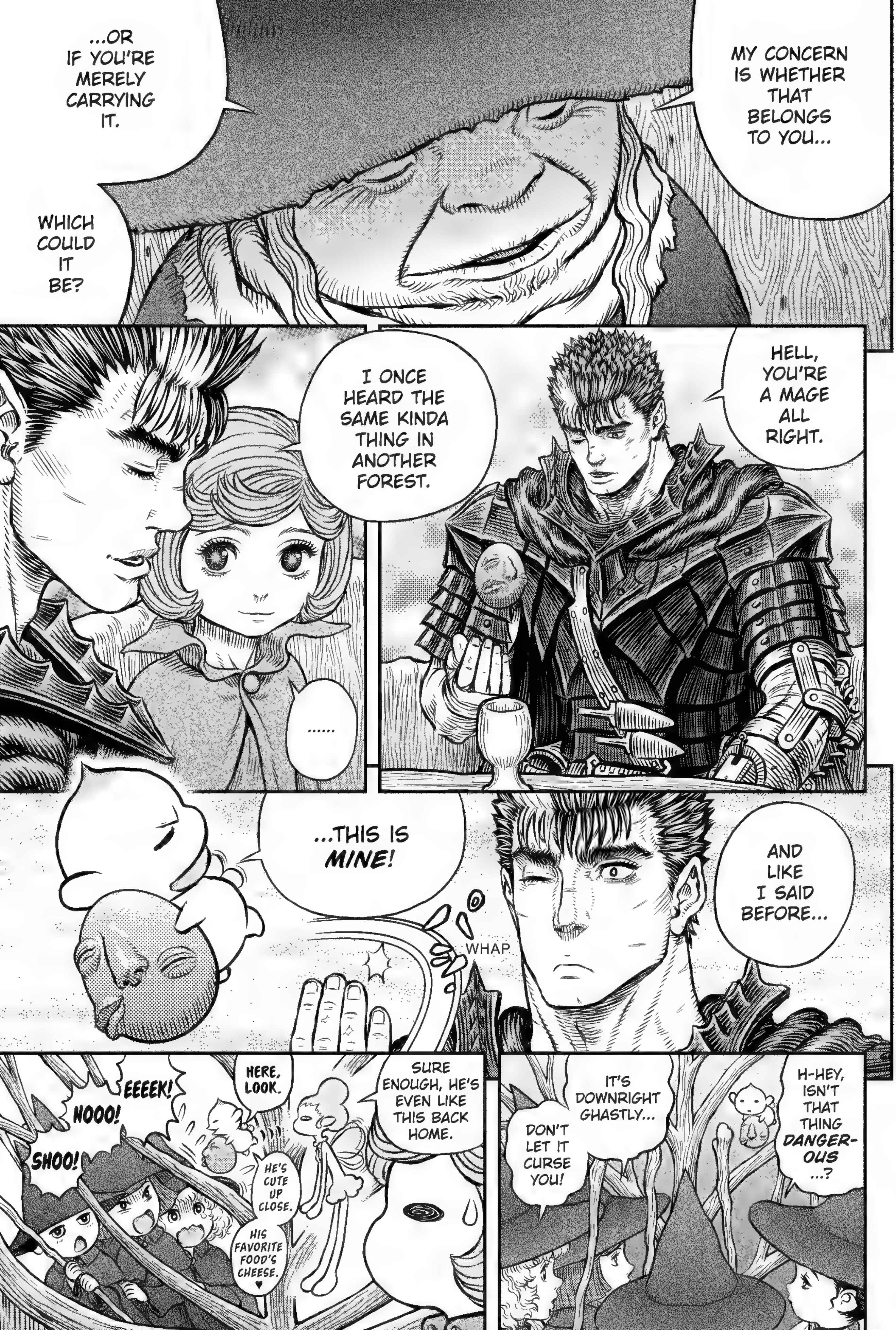
WHUNK
I'LL SAY. AHHH. THINK WILL HAVE SOME TEA.
...IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE TAKEN A LIKING TO DANANN'S BAKED SWEETS. THEY *ARE* SUPERB.
BESIDES...
DANANN, FOOOOD...
MY SOUL FOOD.
THIS STUFF'S PRETTY GOOD.♥ NOT AS GOOD AS FLORA'S SWEETS, THOUGH.
AS EVER, WITCH GRUB...
...AIN'T TOO FILLING!
...TCH!
FINE.
ISH AHH RIGH.
NUH NID TA BEH INNA RUZH.
BU-ZIGHS, ZHE ELVN RUHR ISH...
THERE'S ALSO A CAKE.
SHOOM
IT'S KIND OF DISORIENTING, GIVEN HOW VIOLENT THINGS HAVE BEEN UNTIL NOW.
...YEAH.

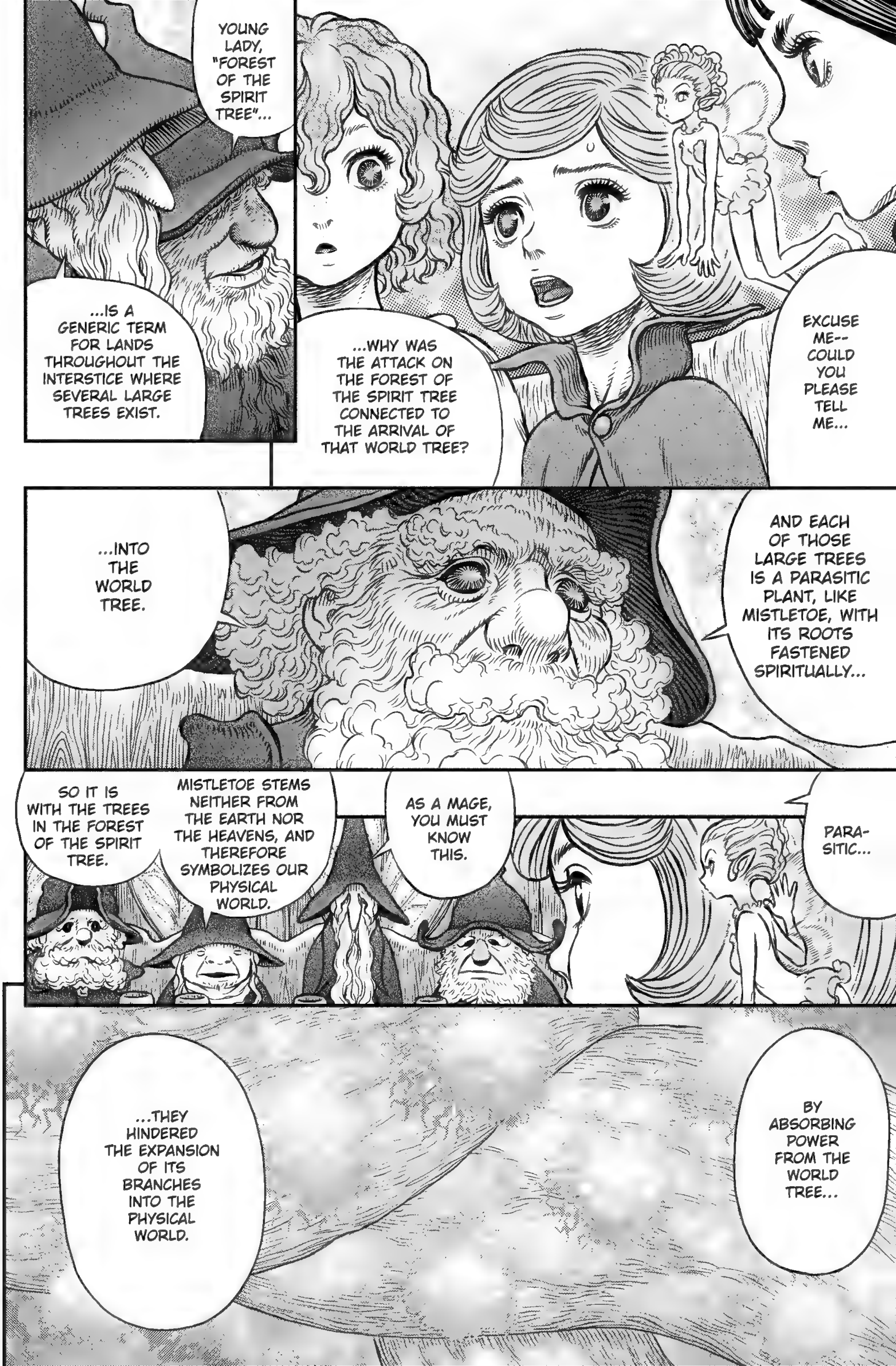

OHOH.
TROLLS AND ENCHANTED KUSHAN BEASTS.
A GHOST SHIP AND A SEA GOD.
THAT REALLY WAS QUITE AN ADVENTURE.
YEAH, I GUESS!

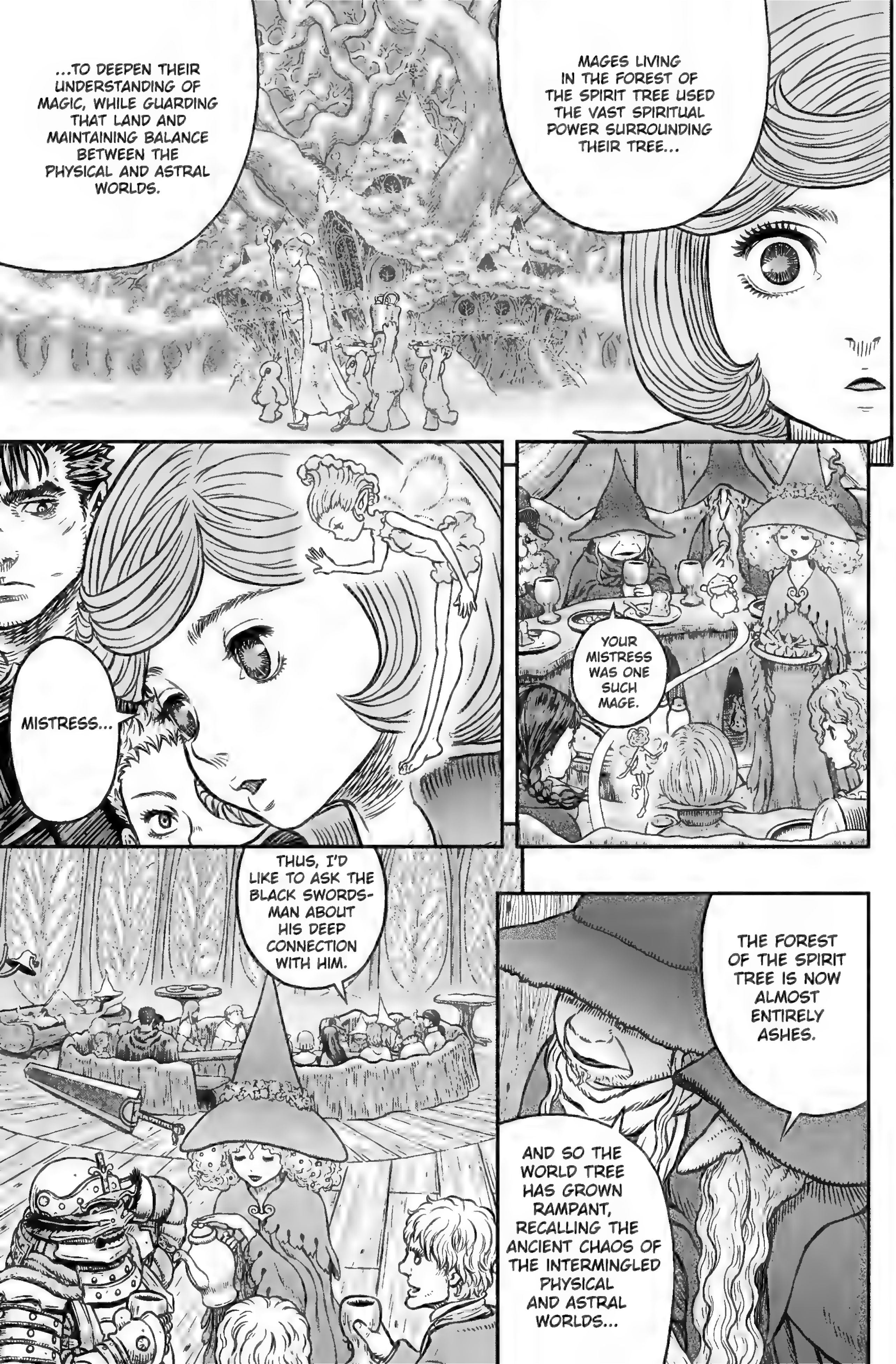

IT'S GOTTEN TO WHERE WE'RE FIGHTIN' FOR OUR LIVES EVERY DAY.
WELL THAT'S BLOWIN' IT A BIT OUT OF PROPORTION, BUT IT'S NOT FAR OFF.
IS THAT TRUE?
YES... EVEN AS A MAGE, I MUST ADMIT IT'S STRANGE WE ARRIVED HERE SAFELY...
TH-THE OUTSIDE WORLD IS TERRIFYING...
WELL...
...THEY'D HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT AGES AGO WITHOUT YOU. ♥
WOW!
I SAY IT SOUNDS THRILLING.
THERE YOU GO AGAIN...
THAT'S THE WORLD THE HAWK OF LIGHT BROUGHT ABOUT...
...BY WAY OF THE GREAT ROAR.
IT'S TRULY BECOME A WORLD OF OLD LEGENDS AND FOLKLORE.
...
OLD MAN...
...COULD YOU EXPLAIN MORE ABOUT THAT?

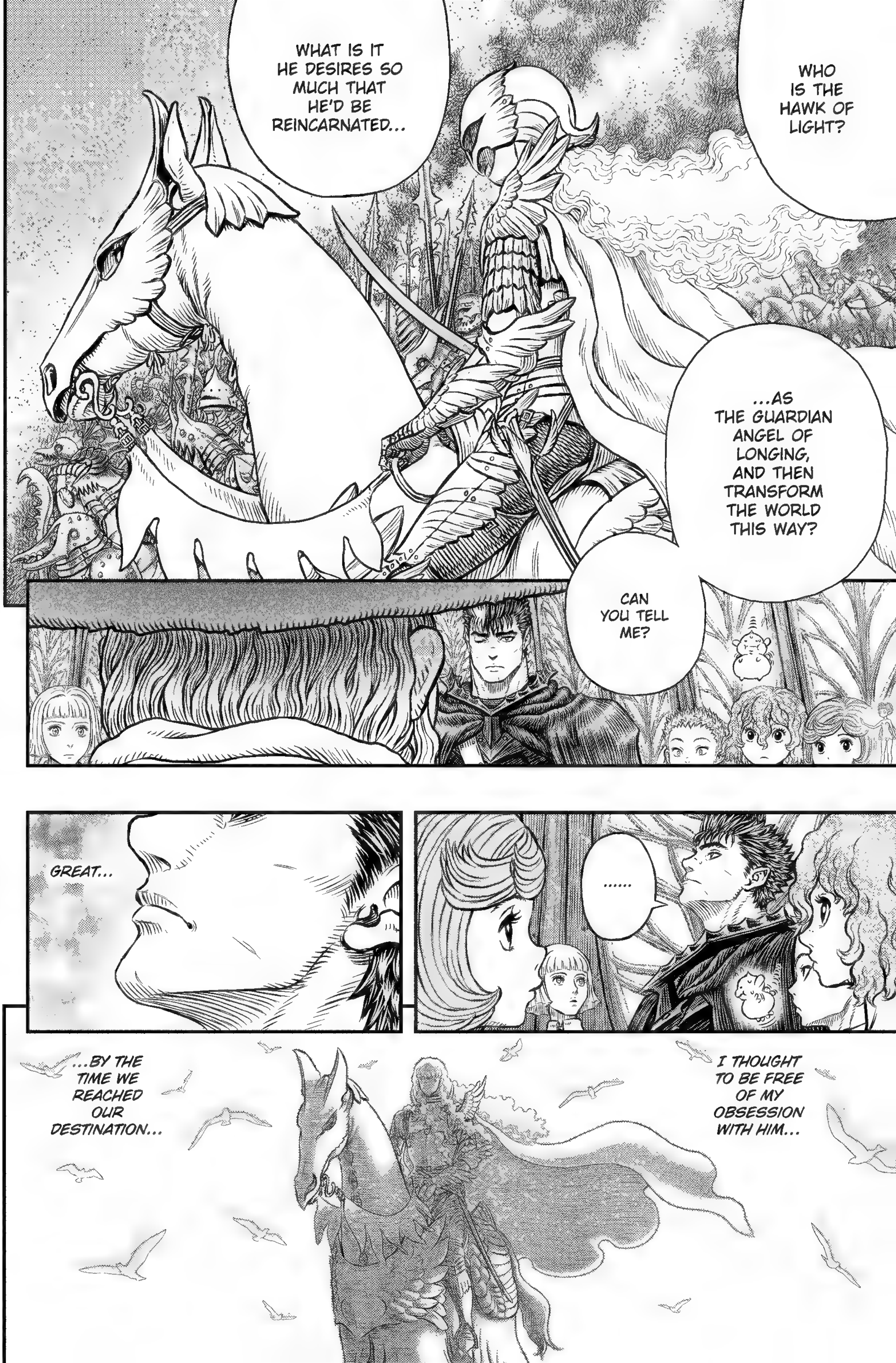

SINCE THAT DAY...
...HAVE ANY OF YOU CAUGHT SIGHT OF THE "BRANCHES"...
...THAT APPEAR TO STRETCH THROUGH THE SKY?
AHHH...
THOSE THINGS YOU SEE SOMETIMES ON CLEAR DAYS?
I THOUGHT THEY WERE STRANGELY SHAPED CLOUDS OR SOMETHING...
THEY'RE QUITE CONVENIENT FOR US SAILORS.
YOU CAN USE THEM LIKE CONSTELLATIONS IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.
THAT'S THE **WORLD TREE**.
IT'S A HUGE TREE...
...OF LEGEND, THAT'S SAID...
...TO CONNECT THE HEAVENS...
...THE EARTH, AND THE UNDERWORLD.
THOSE ARE ITS BRANCHES.
WORLD TREE...
I'VE HEARD OF IT. IT'S FROM OLD FOLK TALES, RIGHT?
THE MAGICAL INTERPRETATION IS A TAD MORE COMPLEX, THOUGH.
YOU MEAN THE DRAGON PATH.
OHH?
THAT'S FLORA'S DEAREST STUDENT FOR YOU.
YOU'VE LEARNED WELL.
IT'S LITERALLY A MASSIVE FISSURE THAT PENETRATES THE WORLD...
...PIERCING DEEP INTO THE LAYERS...
...OF THE PHYSICAL AND ASTRAL WORLDS.


FIS-SURE...
A CRACK?
WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?
TRY VISUALIZING SOMETHING LIKE A MOLE BURROW.
SMALL ONES ARE CALLED THE ELFIN PATH, AND THEY CONNECT TO THE ASTRAL WORLD SHALLOWS.
OCCASIONALLY, CHILDREN IN THE WOODS WILL GET LOST ON THEM.
ON VERY RARE OCCASION, SUCH AS DURING A FULL MOON, PATHS WILL CONNECT THE PHYSICAL AND ASTRAL WORLDS.
AND LARGER ONES ARE CALLED THE DRAGON PATH...
...AND REACH DEEP INTO THE ASTRAL WORLD.
THAT "EGG" AT YOUR SIDE...
...IS A FETISH FOR OPENING THE DRAGON PATH DEEP INTO THE ABYSS.
WH-WHAT IS THAT?
H-HOW SINISTER!
MR. POTATO HEAD?
IT MAKES ME LAUGH.


MY CONCERN IS WHETHER THAT BELONGS TO YOU...
...OR IF YOU'RE MERELY CARRYING IT.
WHICH COULD IT BE?
HELL, YOU'RE A MAGE ALL RIGHT.
I ONCE HEARD THE SAME KINDA THING IN ANOTHER FOREST.
......
AND LIKE I SAID BEFORE...
WHAP
...THIS IS *MINE!*
H-HEY, ISN'T THAT THING *DANGEROUS*...?
IT'S DOWNRIGHT GHASTLY...
DON'T LET IT CURSE YOU!
SURE ENOUGH, HE'S EVEN LIKE THIS BACK HOME.
HERE, LOOK.
HE'S CUTE UP CLOSE.
HIS FAVORITE FOOD'S CHEESE. ♥
EEEEK!
NOOO!
SHOO!


EXCUSE ME--COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME...
...WHY WAS THE ATTACK ON THE FOREST OF THE SPIRIT TREE CONNECTED TO THE ARRIVAL OF THAT WORLD TREE?
YOUNG LADY, "FOREST OF THE SPIRIT TREE"...
...IS A GENERIC TERM FOR LANDS THROUGHOUT THE INTERSTICE WHERE SEVERAL LARGE TREES EXIST.
AND EACH OF THOSE LARGE TREES IS A PARASITIC PLANT, LIKE MISTLETOE, WITH ITS ROOTS FASTENED SPIRITUALLY...
...INTO THE WORLD TREE.
PARA-SITIC...
AS A MAGE, YOU MUST KNOW THIS.
MISTLETOE STEMS NEITHER FROM THE EARTH NOR THE HEAVENS, AND THEREFORE SYMBOLIZES OUR PHYSICAL WORLD.
SO IT IS WITH THE TREES IN THE FOREST OF THE SPIRIT TREE.
BY ABSORBING POWER FROM THE WORLD TREE...
...THEY HINDERED THE EXPANSION OF ITS BRANCHES INTO THE PHYSICAL WORLD.


MAGES LIVING IN THE FOREST OF THE SPIRIT TREE USED THE VAST SPIRITUAL POWER SURROUNDING THEIR TREE...
...TO DEEPEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF MAGIC, WHILE GUARDING THAT LAND AND MAINTAINING BALANCE BETWEEN THE PHYSICAL AND ASTRAL WORLDS.
YOUR MISTRESS WAS ONE SUCH MAGE.
MISTRESS...
THE FOREST OF THE SPIRIT TREE IS NOW ALMOST ENTIRELY ASHES.
AND SO THE WORLD TREE HAS GROWN RAMPANT, RECALLING THE ANCIENT CHAOS OF THE INTERMINGLED PHYSICAL AND ASTRAL WORLDS...
THUS, I'D LIKE TO ASK THE BLACK SWORDSMAN ABOUT HIS DEEP CONNECTION WITH HIM.


WHO IS THE HAWK OF LIGHT?
WHAT IS IT HE DESIRES SO MUCH THAT HE'D BE REINCARNATED...
...AS THE GUARDIAN ANGEL OF LONGING, AND THEN TRANSFORM THE WORLD THIS WAY?
CAN YOU TELL ME?
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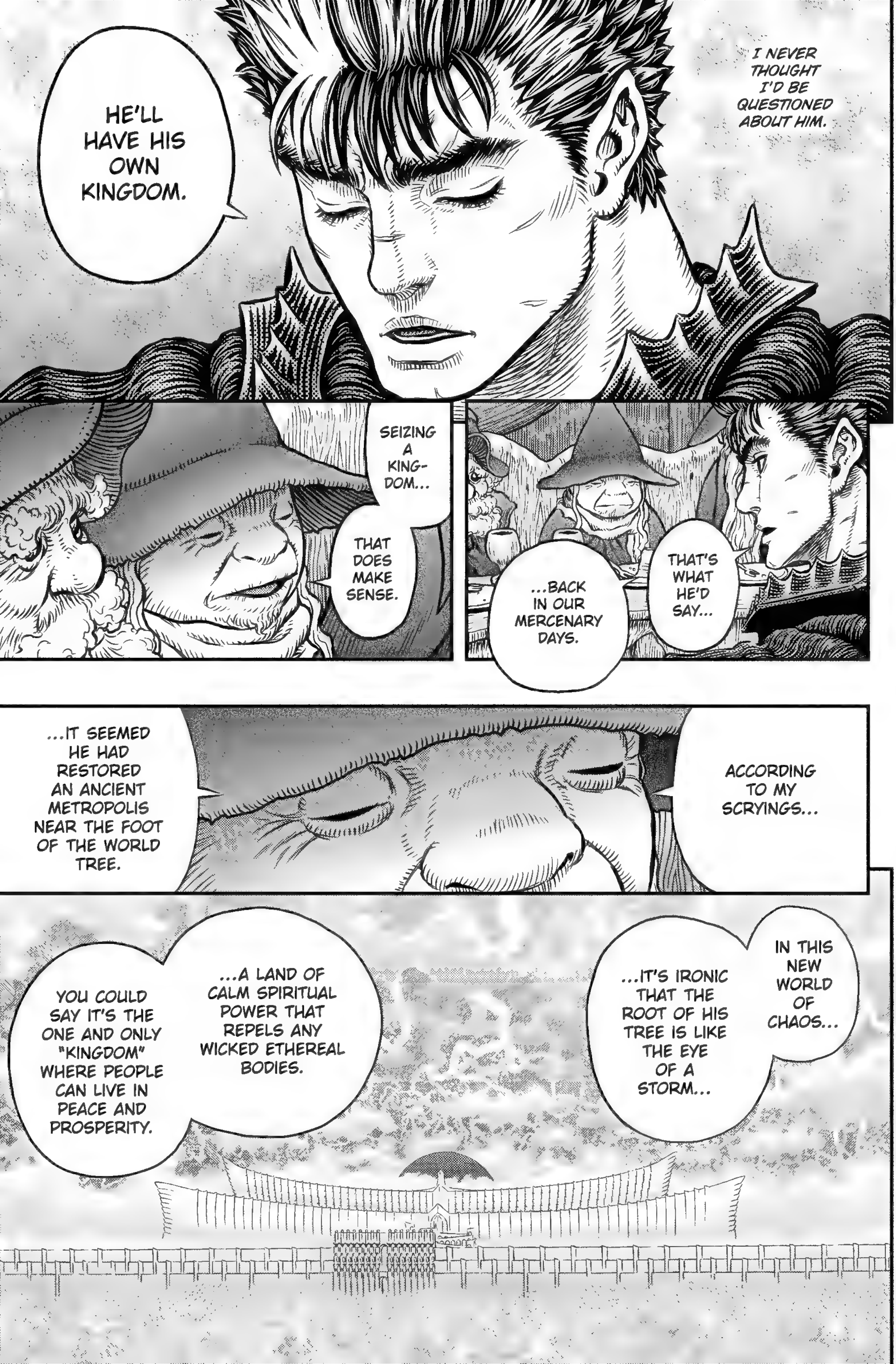
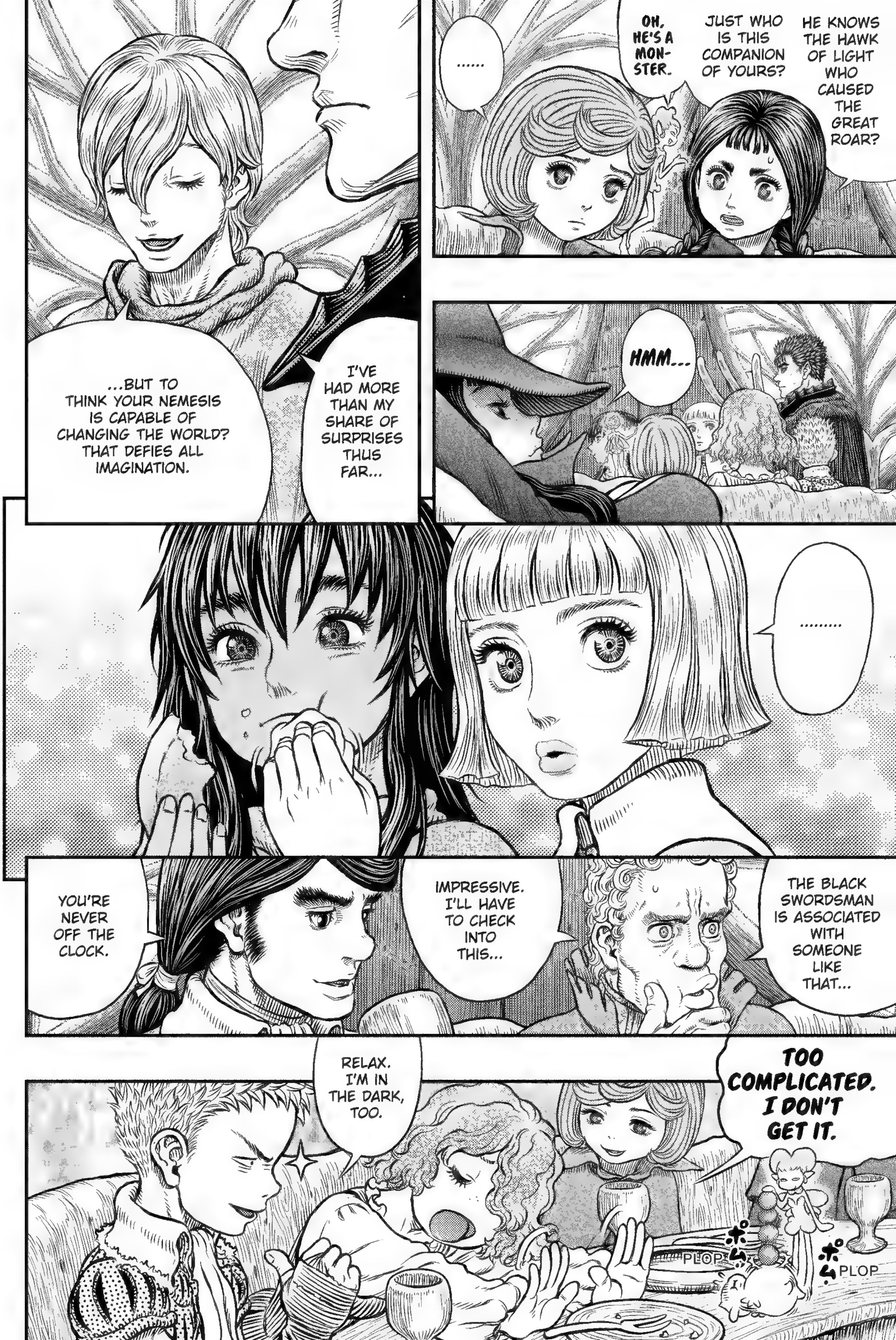
GREAT...
I THOUGHT TO BE FREE OF MY OBSESSION WITH HIM...
...BY THE TIME WE REACHED OUR DESTINATION...


I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE QUESTIONED ABOUT HIM.
HE'LL HAVE HIS OWN KINGDOM.
THAT'S WHAT HE'D SAY...
...BACK IN OUR MERCENARY DAYS.
SEIZING A KINGDOM...
THAT DOES MAKE SENSE.
ACCORDING TO MY SCRYINGS...
...IT SEEMED HE HAD RESTORED AN ANCIENT METROPOLIS NEAR THE FOOT OF THE WORLD TREE.
IN THIS NEW WORLD OF CHAOS...
...IT'S IRONIC THAT THE ROOT OF HIS TREE IS LIKE THE EYE OF A STORM...
...A LAND OF CALM SPIRITUAL POWER THAT REPELS ANY WICKED ETHEREAL BODIES.
YOU COULD SAY IT'S THE ONE AND ONLY "KINGDOM" WHERE PEOPLE CAN LIVE IN PEACE AND PROSPERITY.


HE KNOWS THE HAWK OF LIGHT WHO CAUSED THE GREAT ROAR?
JUST WHO IS THIS COMPANION OF YOURS?
OH, HE'S A MONSTER.
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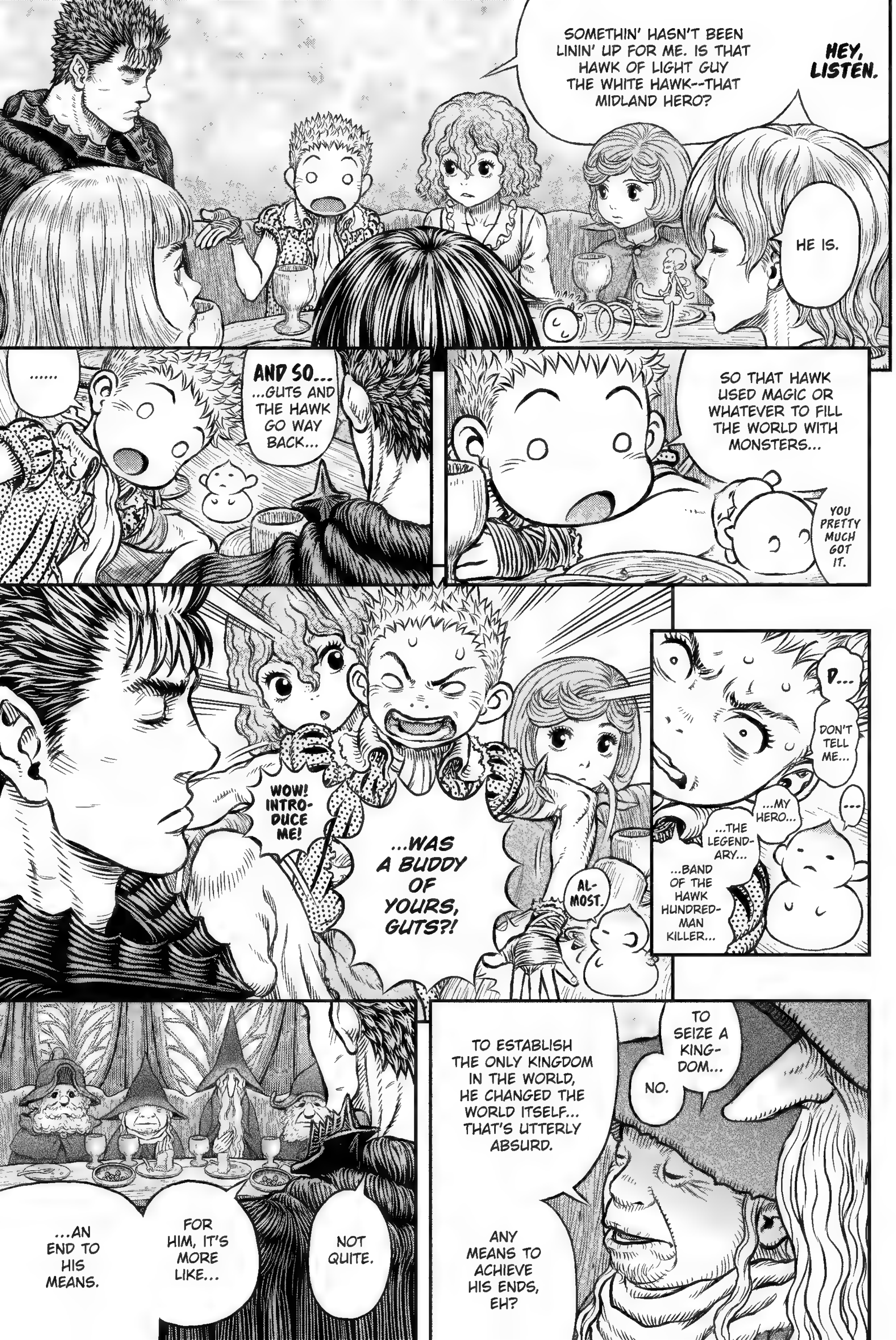
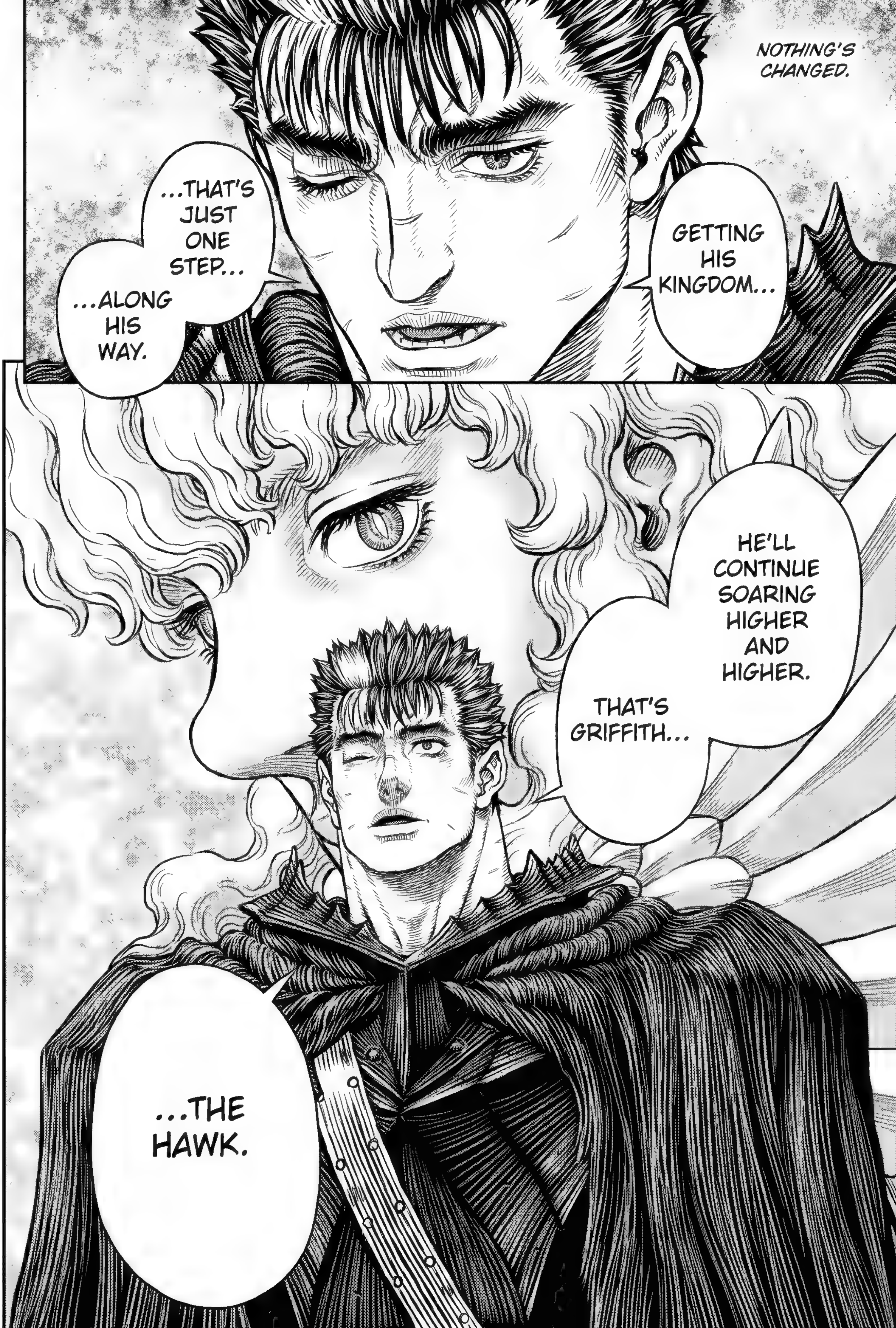
HMM...
I'VE HAD MORE THAN MY SHARE OF SURPRISES THUS FAR...
...BUT TO THINK YOUR NEMESIS IS CAPABLE OF CHANGING THE WORLD? THAT DEFIES ALL IMAGINATION.
....
THE BLACK SWORDSMAN IS ASSOCIATED WITH SOMEONE LIKE THAT...
IMPRESSIVE. I'LL HAVE TO CHECK INTO THIS...
YOU'RE NEVER OFF THE CLOCK.
TOO COMPLICATED. I DON'T GET IT.
RELAX. I'M IN THE DARK, TOO.
ポム PLOP
ポム PLOP


HEY, LISTEN.
SOMETHIN' HASN'T BEEN LININ' UP FOR ME. IS THAT HAWK OF LIGHT GUY THE WHITE HAWK--THAT MIDLAND HERO?
HE IS.
SO THAT HAWK USED MAGIC OR WHATEVER TO FILL THE WORLD WITH MONSTERS...
YOU PRETTY MUCH GOT IT.
AND SO... ...GUTS AND THE HAWK GO WAY BACK...
......
D... DON'T TELL ME...
...MY HERO...
...THE LEGENDARY...
...BAND OF THE HAWK HUNDRED-MAN KILLER...
...
...WAS A BUDDY OF YOURS, GUTS?!
WOW! INTRODUCE ME!
ALMOST.
TO SEIZE A KINGDOM...
NO.
TO ESTABLISH THE ONLY KINGDOM IN THE WORLD, HE CHANGED THE WORLD ITSELF... THAT'S UTTERLY ABSURD.
ANY MEANS TO ACHIEVE HIS ENDS, EH?
NOT QUITE.
FOR HIM, IT'S MORE LIKE...
...AN END TO HIS MEANS.


NOTHING'S CHANGED.
GETTING HIS KINGDOM...
...THAT'S JUST ONE STEP...
...ALONG HIS WAY.
HE'LL CONTINUE SOARING HIGHER AND HIGHER.
THAT'S GRIFFITH...
...THE HAWK.

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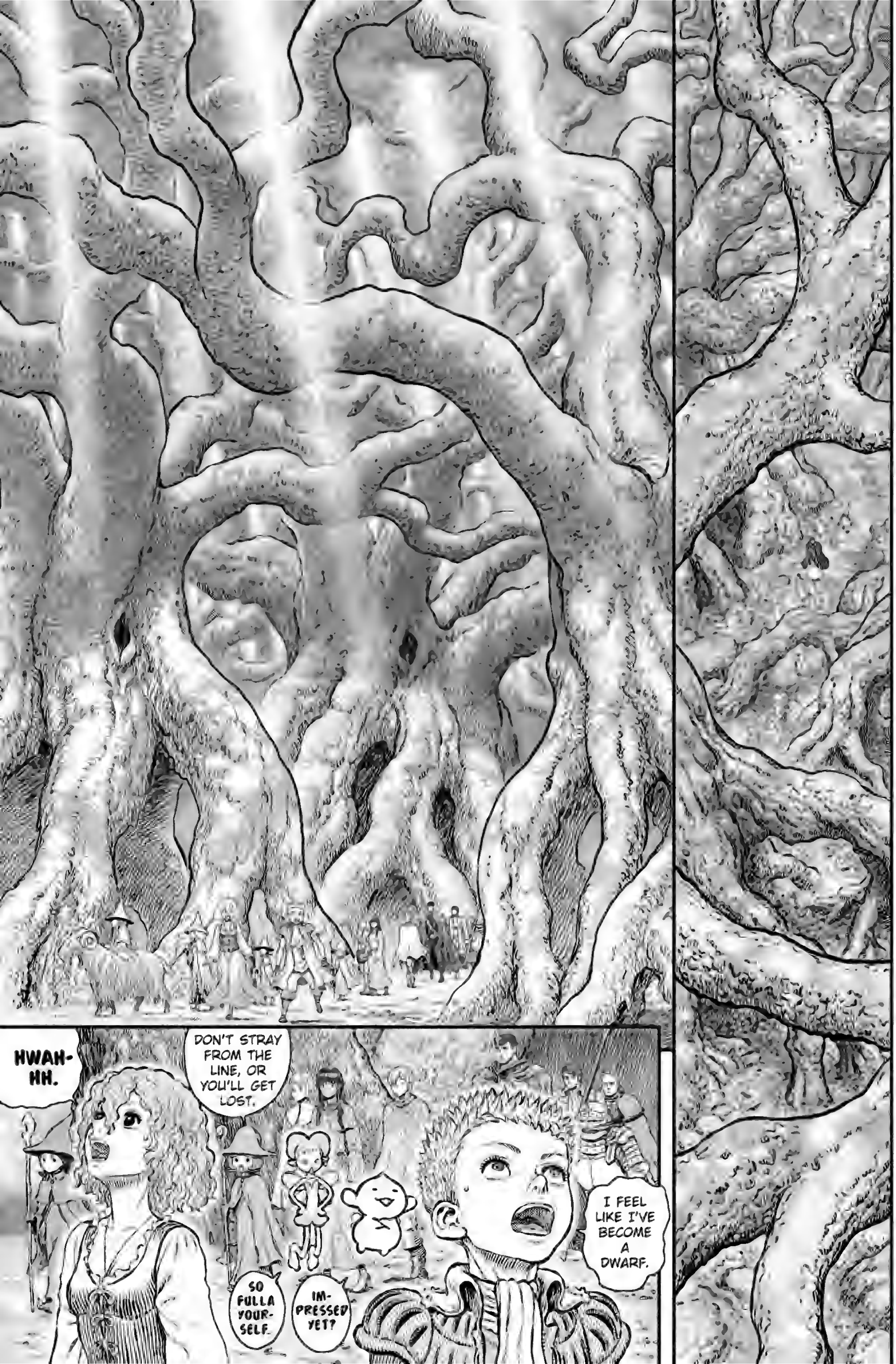
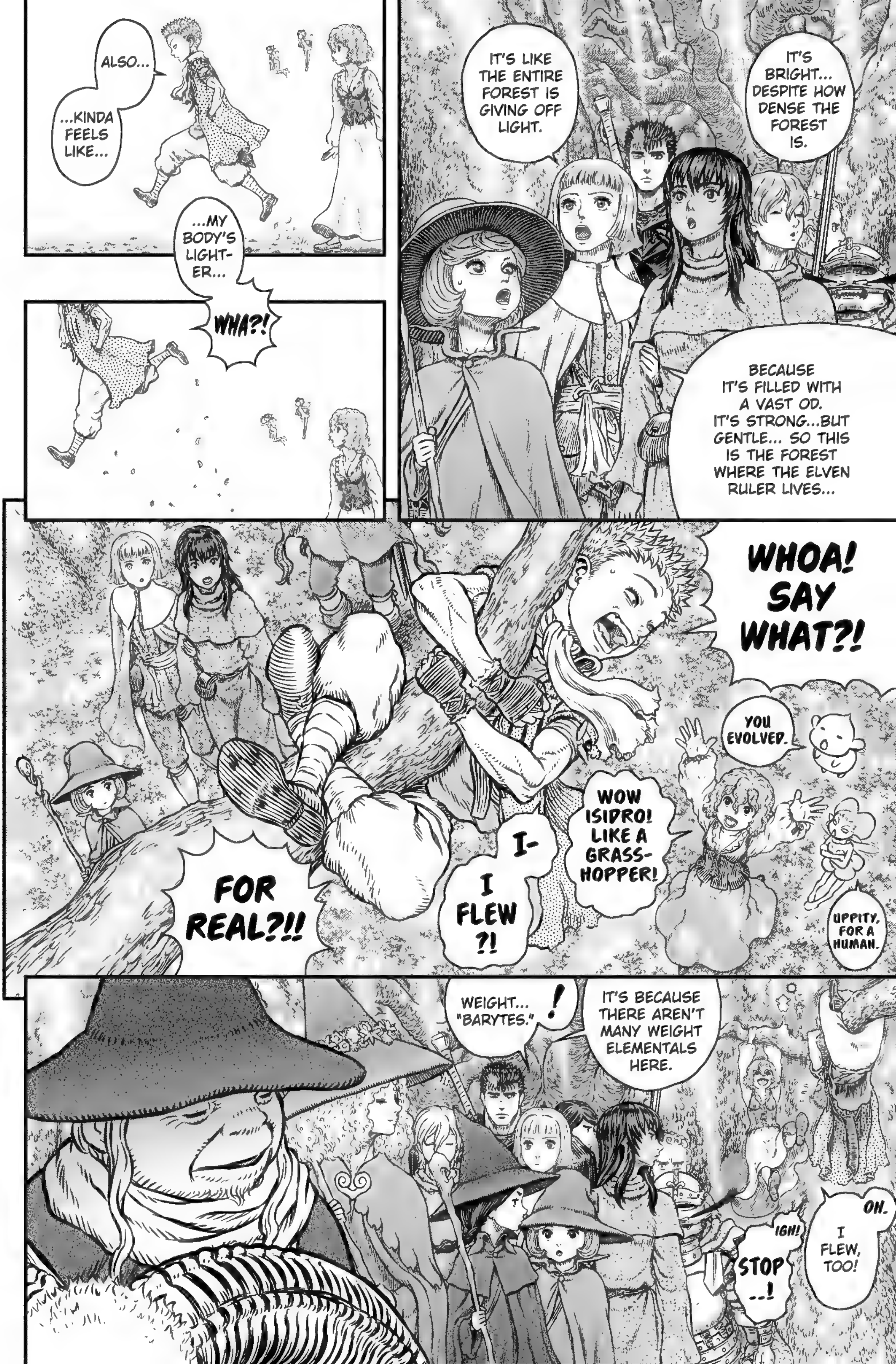
妖精郷（エルフヘルム）

ELFHELM


DON'T STRAY FROM THE LINE, OR YOU'LL GET LOST.
HWAH-HH.
I FEEL LIKE I'VE BECOME A DWARF.
IM-PRESSED YET?
SO FULLA YOURSELF.


IT'S BRIGHT... DESPITE HOW DENSE THE FOREST IS.
IT'S LIKE THE ENTIRE FOREST IS GIVING OFF LIGHT.
BECAUSE IT'S FILLED WITH A VAST OD. IT'S STRONG...BUT GENTLE... SO THIS IS THE FOREST WHERE THE ELVEN RULER LIVES...
ALSO...
...KINDA FEELS LIKE...
...MY BODY'S LIGHTER...
WHA?!
WHOA! SAY WHAT?!
YOU EVOLVED.
WOW ISIDRO! LIKE A GRASSHOPPER!
UPPITY, FOR A HUMAN.
I- I FLEW?!
FOR REAL?!!
OH. I FLEW, TOO!
IGH!
STOP...!
IT'S BECAUSE THERE AREN'T MANY WEIGHT ELEMENTALS HERE.
WEIGHT... "BARYTES."
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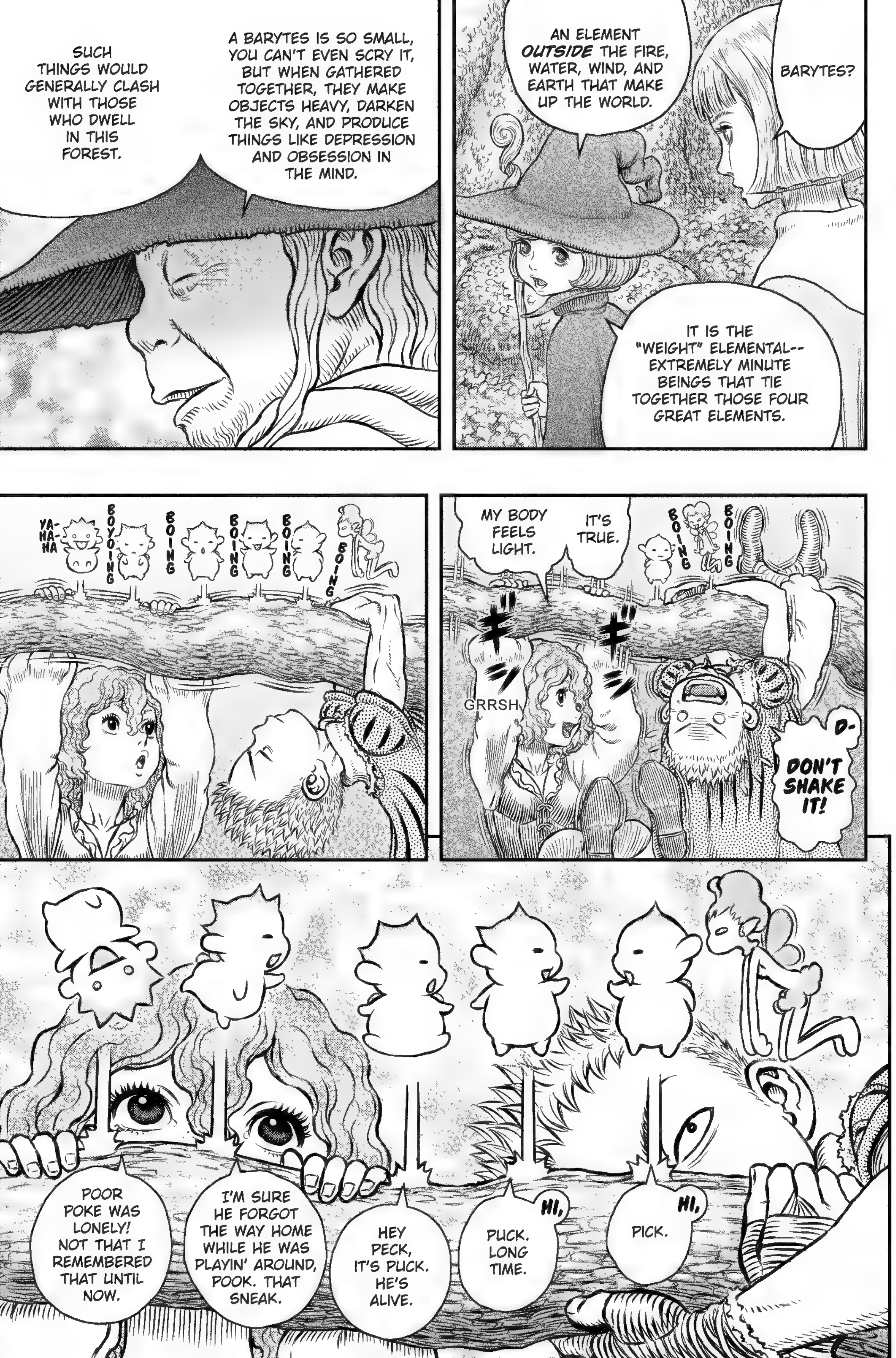
BARYTES?
AN ELEMENT *OUTSIDE* THE FIRE, WATER, WIND, AND EARTH THAT MAKE UP THE WORLD.
IT IS THE "WEIGHT" ELEMENTAL-- EXTREMELY MINUTE BEINGS THAT TIE TOGETHER THOSE FOUR GREAT ELEMENTS.
A BARYTES IS SO SMALL, YOU CAN'T EVEN SCRY IT, BUT WHEN GATHERED TOGETHER, THEY MAKE OBJECTS HEAVY, DARKEN THE SKY, AND PRODUCE THINGS LIKE DEPRESSION AND OBSESSION IN THE MIND.
SUCH THINGS WOULD GENERALLY CLASH WITH THOSE WHO DWELL IN THIS FOREST.
BOING
BOING
MY BODY FEELS LIGHT.
IT'S TRUE.
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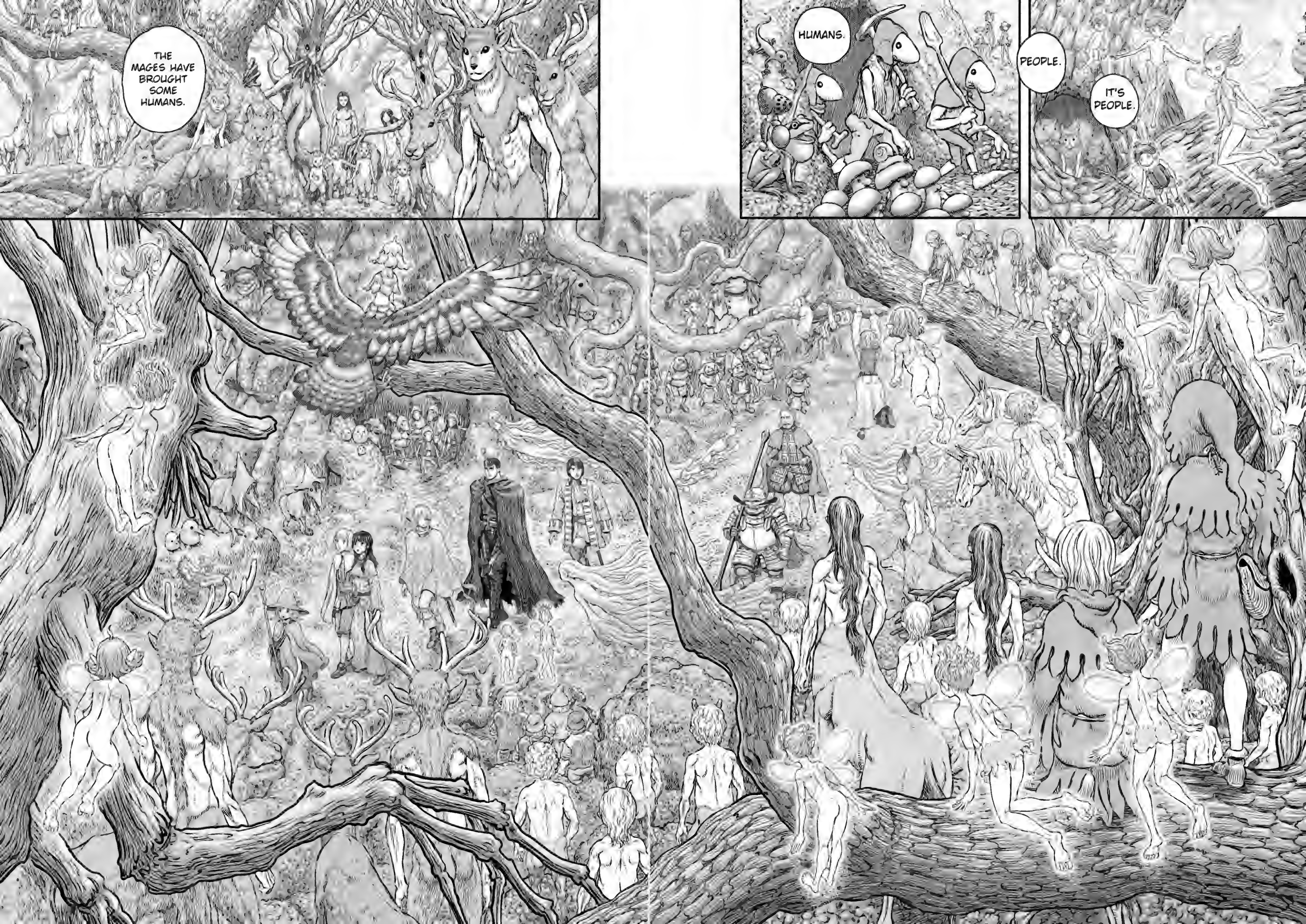
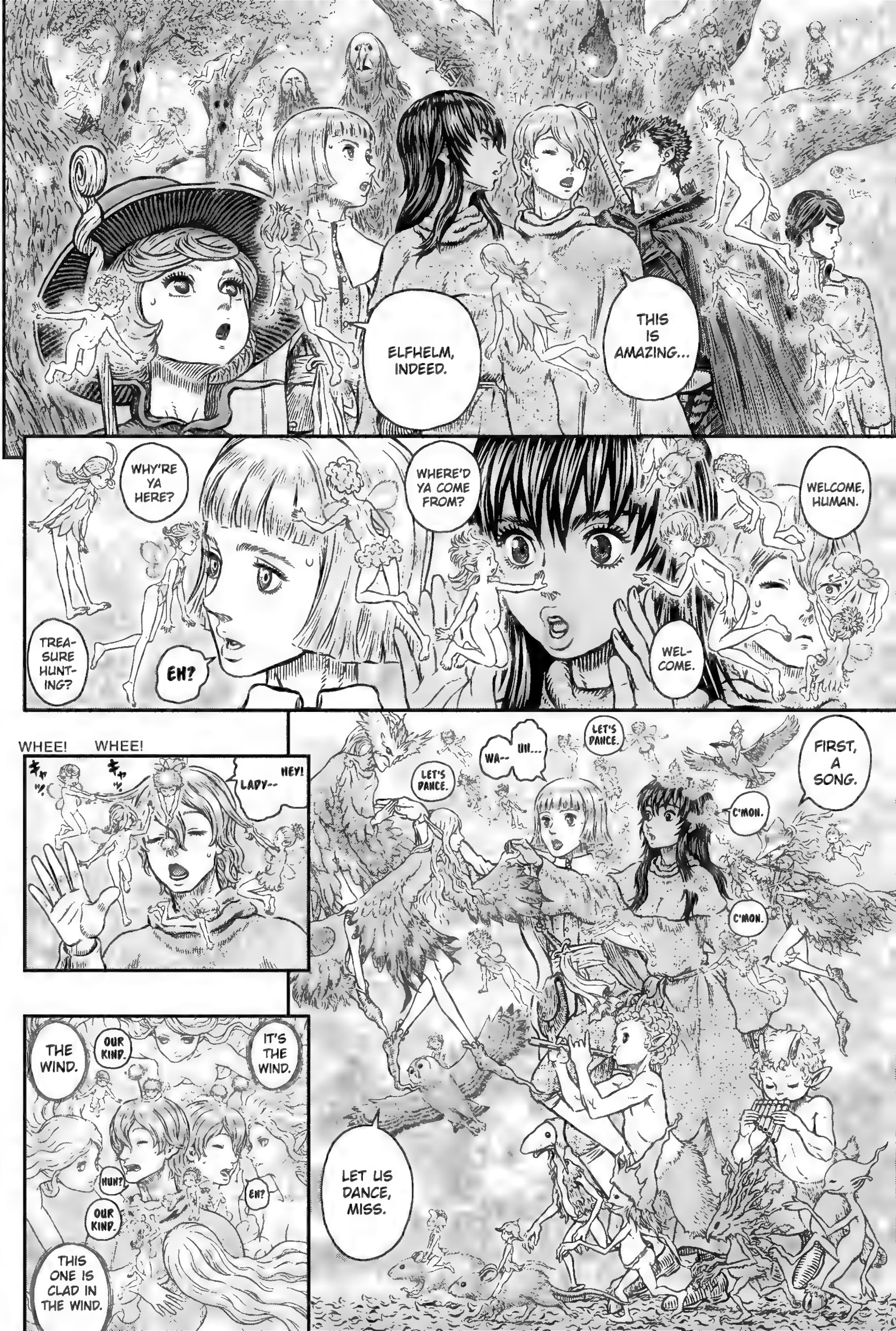
GRRSH
D- DON'T SHAKE IT!
BOING
BOING
BOING
BOING
BOYOING
BOYOING
YA-HA-HA
HI, PICK.
HI, PUCK. LONG TIME.
HEY PECK, IT'S PUCK. HE'S ALIVE.
I'M SURE HE FORGOT THE WAY HOME WHILE HE WAS PLAYIN' AROUND, POOK. THAT SNEAK.
POOR POKE WAS LONELY! NOT THAT I REMEMBERED THAT UNTIL NOW.


PEOPLE.
IT'S PEOPLE.
HUMANS.
THE MAGES HAVE BROUGHT SOME HUMANS.


THIS IS AMAZING...
ELFHELM, INDEED.
WELCOME, HUMAN.
WELCOME.
WHERE'D YA COME FROM?
WHY'RE YA HERE?
TREASURE HUNTING?
EH?
FIRST, A SONG.
C'MON.
C'MON.
LET'S DANCE.
WA-- UH...
LET'S DANCE.
LET US DANCE, MISS.
HEY!
LADY--
WHEE!
WHEE!
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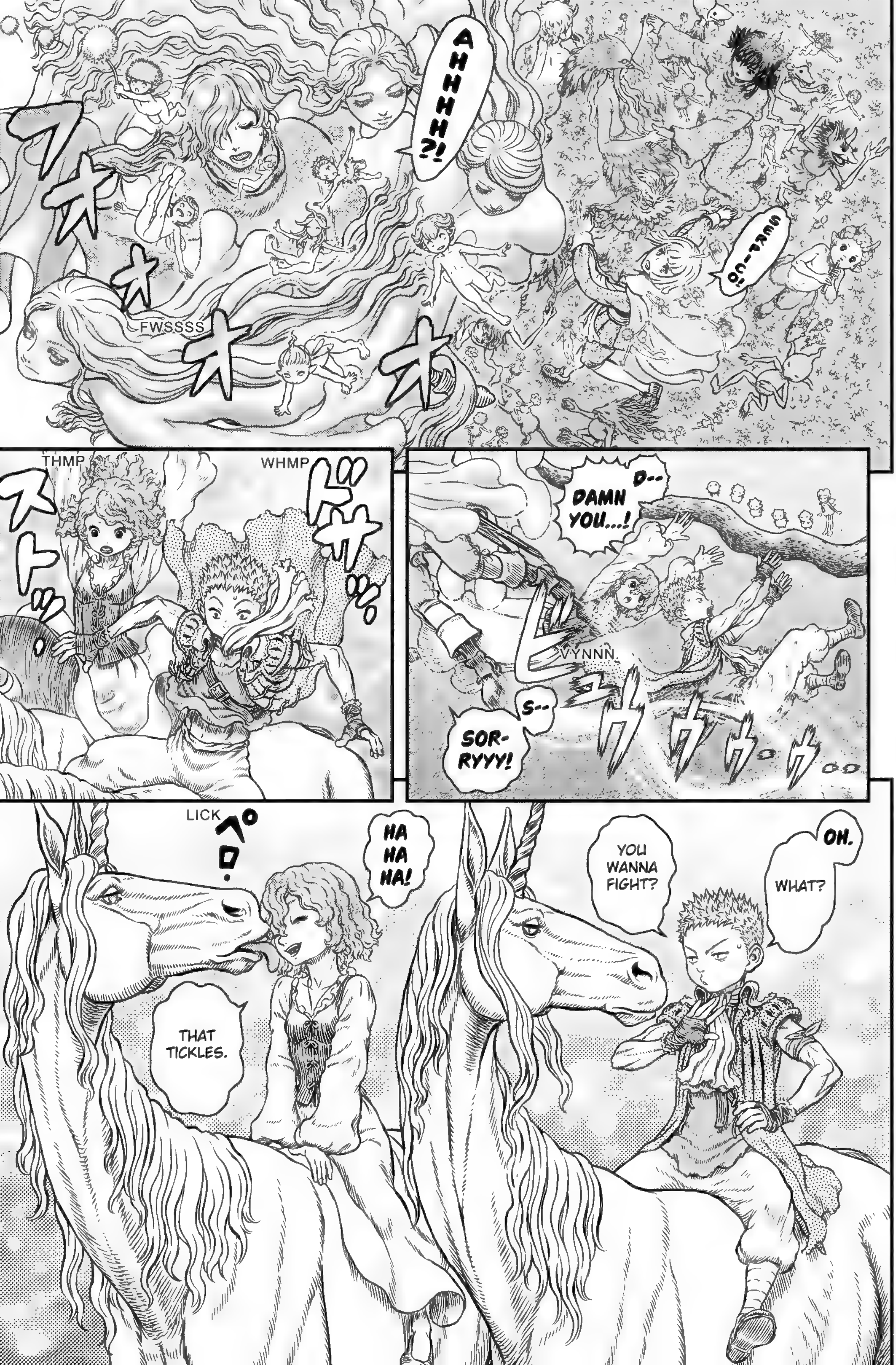
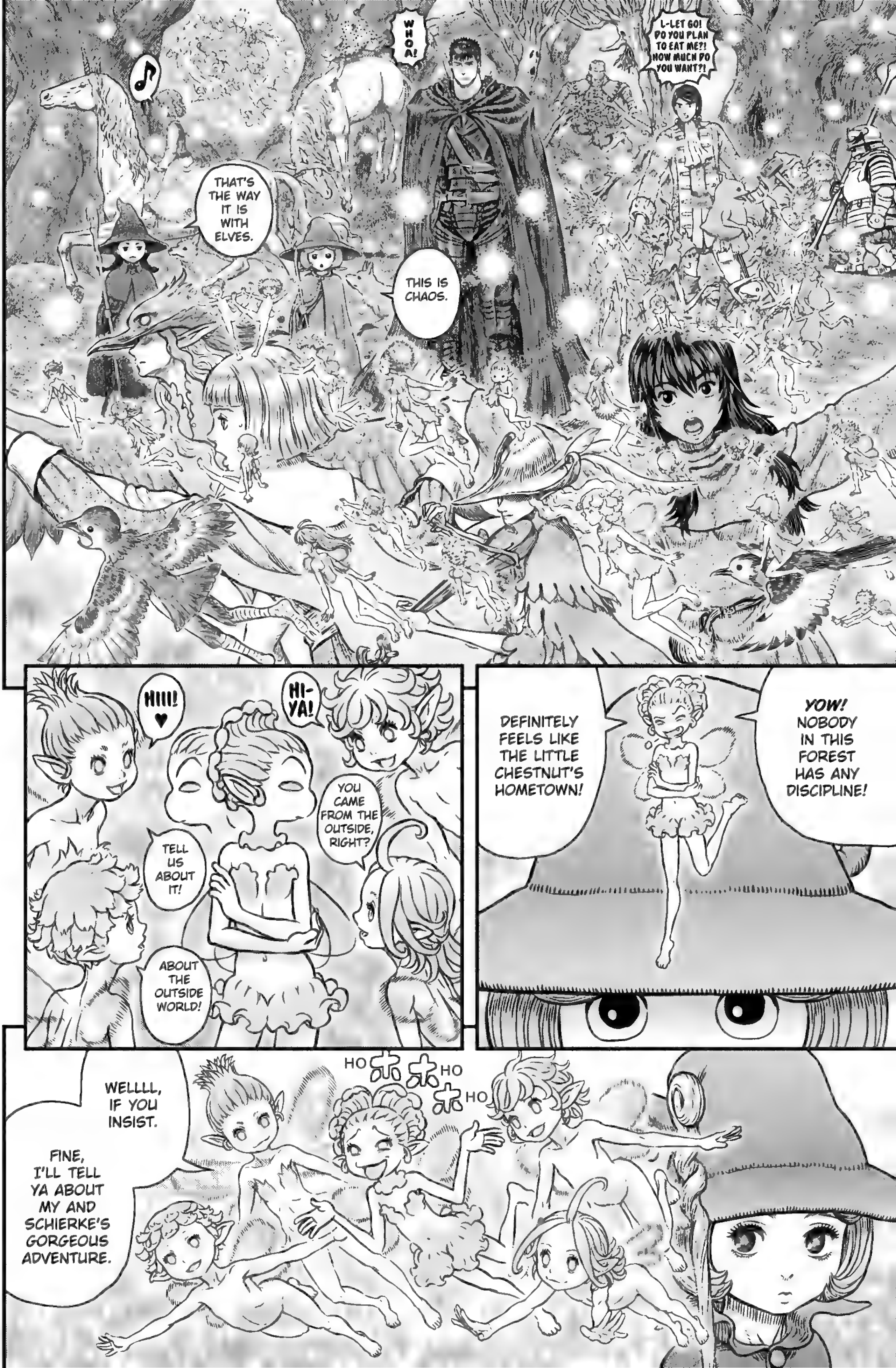
IT'S THE WIND.
OUR KIND.
THE WIND.
EH?
HUH?
OUR KIND.
THIS ONE IS CLAD IN THE WIND.


SERPI-CO!
AHHHH?!
FWSSSS
フォオオオ
D-- DAMN YOU...!
VYNNN
ビュウウウ・・ウ・・
S-- SORRYYY!
WHMP
ドサッ
THMP
ストッ
OH. WHAT?
YOU WANNA FIGHT?
HA HA HA!
LICK
ペロ
THAT TICKLES.


L-LET GO! DO YOU PLAN TO EAT ME?! HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT?!
WHOA!
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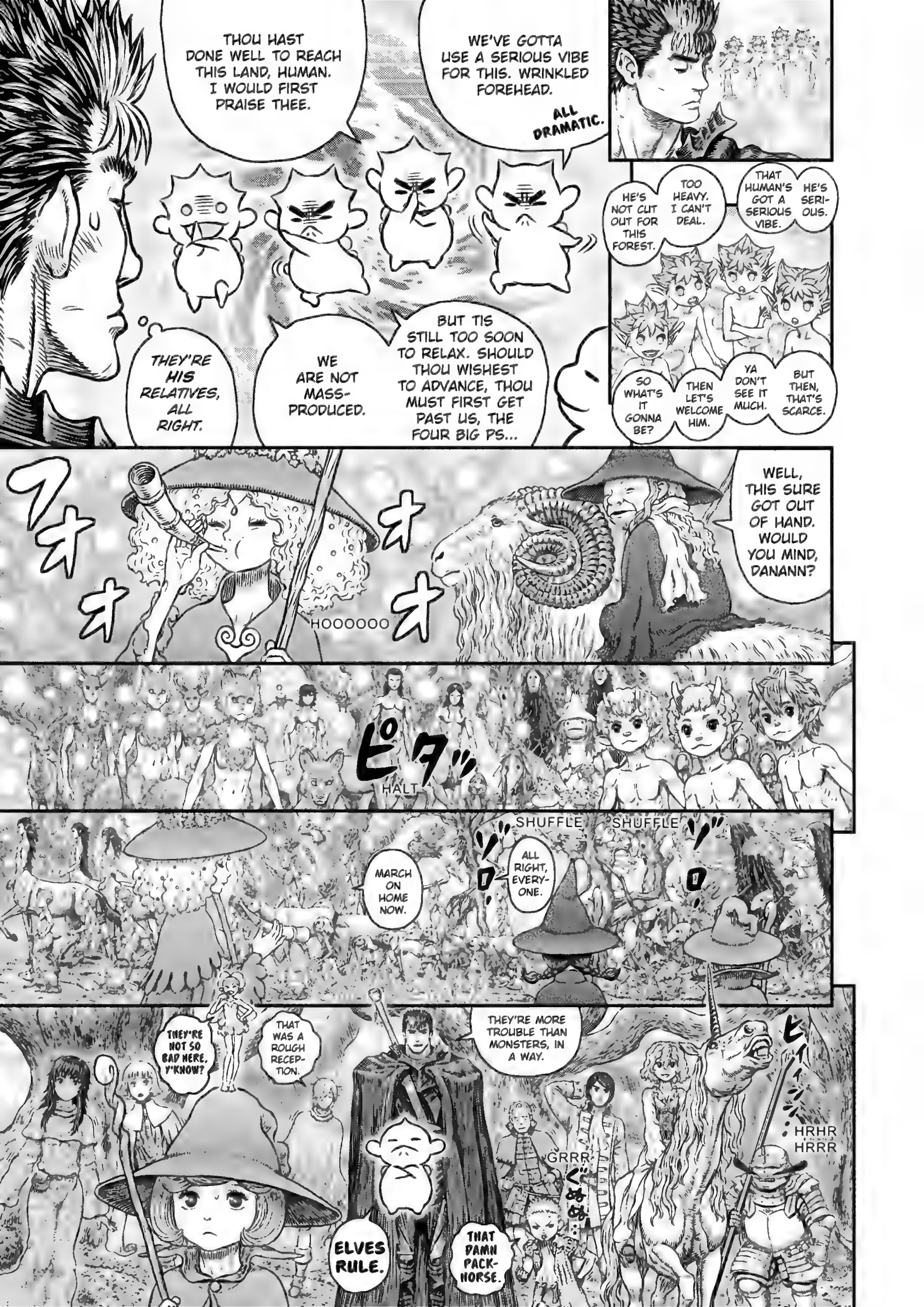
THIS IS CHAOS.
THAT'S THE WAY IT IS WITH ELVES.
YOW! NOBODY IN THIS FOREST HAS ANY DISCIPLINE!
DEFINITELY FEELS LIKE THE LITTLE CHESTNUT'S HOMETOWN!
HI-YA!
HIII! ♥
YOU CAME FROM THE OUTSIDE, RIGHT?
TELL US ABOUT IT!
ABOUT THE OUTSIDE WORLD!
HO ホ HO ホ HO ホ
WELLLL, IF YOU INSIST.
FINE, I'LL TELL YA ABOUT MY AND SCHIERKE'S GORGEOUS ADVENTURE.


HE'S SERIOUS.
THAT HUMAN'S GOT A SERIOUS VIBE.
TOO HEAVY. I CAN'T DEAL.
HE'S NOT CUT OUT FOR THIS FOREST.
BUT THEN, THAT'S SCARCE.
YA DON'T SEE IT MUCH.
THEN LET'S WELCOME HIM.
SO WHAT'S IT GONNA BE?
WE'VE GOTTA USE A SERIOUS VIBE FOR THIS. WRINKLED FOREHEAD.
ALL DRAMATIC.
THOU HAST DONE WELL TO REACH THIS LAND, HUMAN. I WOULD FIRST PRAISE THEE.
BUT TIS STILL TOO SOON TO RELAX. SHOULD THOU WISHEST TO ADVANCE, THOU MUST FIRST GET PAST US, THE FOUR BIG PS...
WE ARE NOT MASS-PRODUCED.
THEY'RE HIS RELATIVES, ALL RIGHT.
WELL, THIS SURE GOT OUT OF HAND. WOULD YOU MIND, DANANN?
フォオオ
HOOOOOO
ピタッ
HALT
ゾロ ゾロ
SHUFFLE SHUFFLE
ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE.
MARCH ON HOME NOW.
ヒィィン
HRHR HRRR
THEY'RE MORE TROUBLE THAN MONSTERS, IN A WAY.
THAT WAS A ROUGH RECEPTION.
THEY'RE NOT SO BAD HERE, Y'KNOW?
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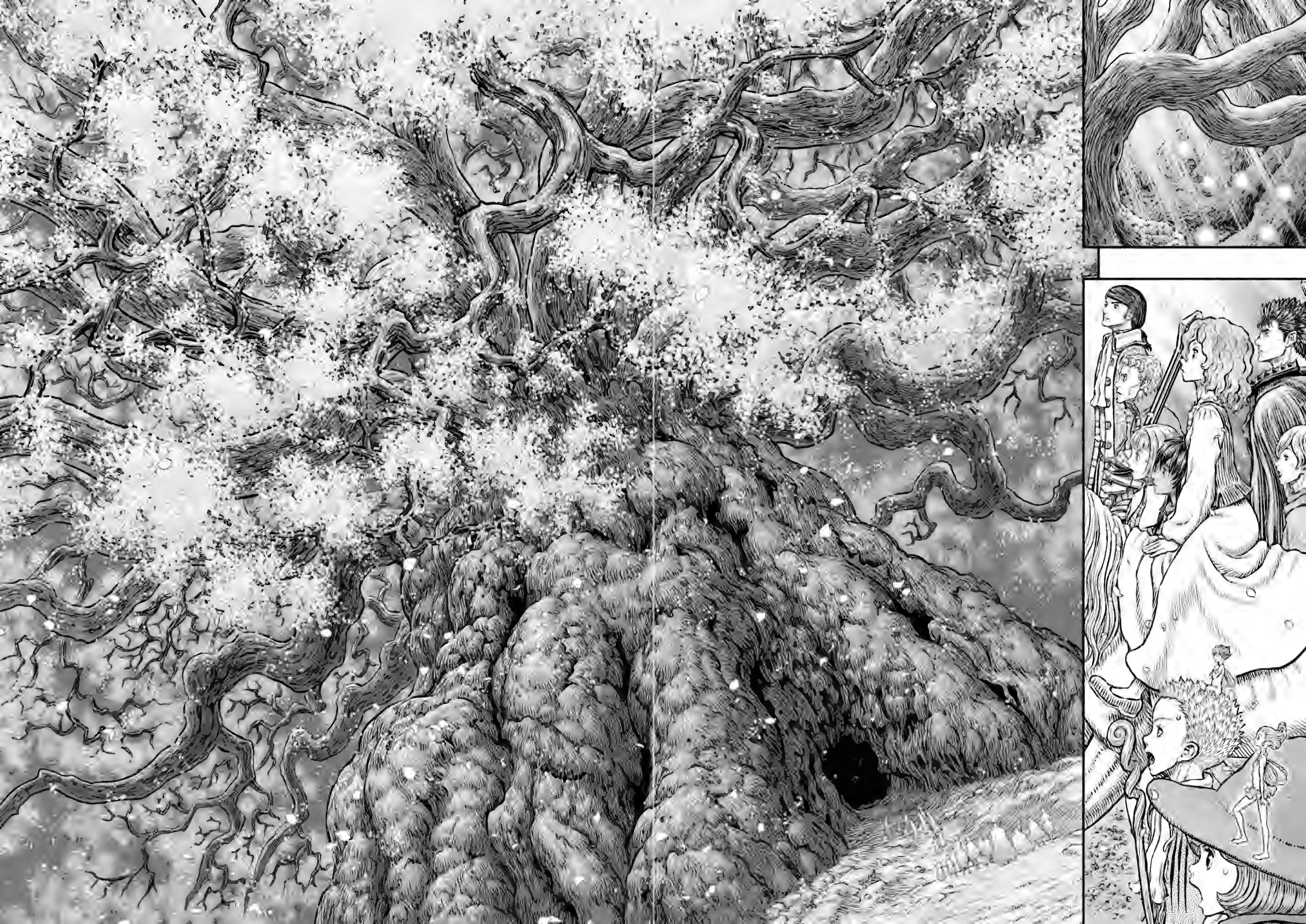
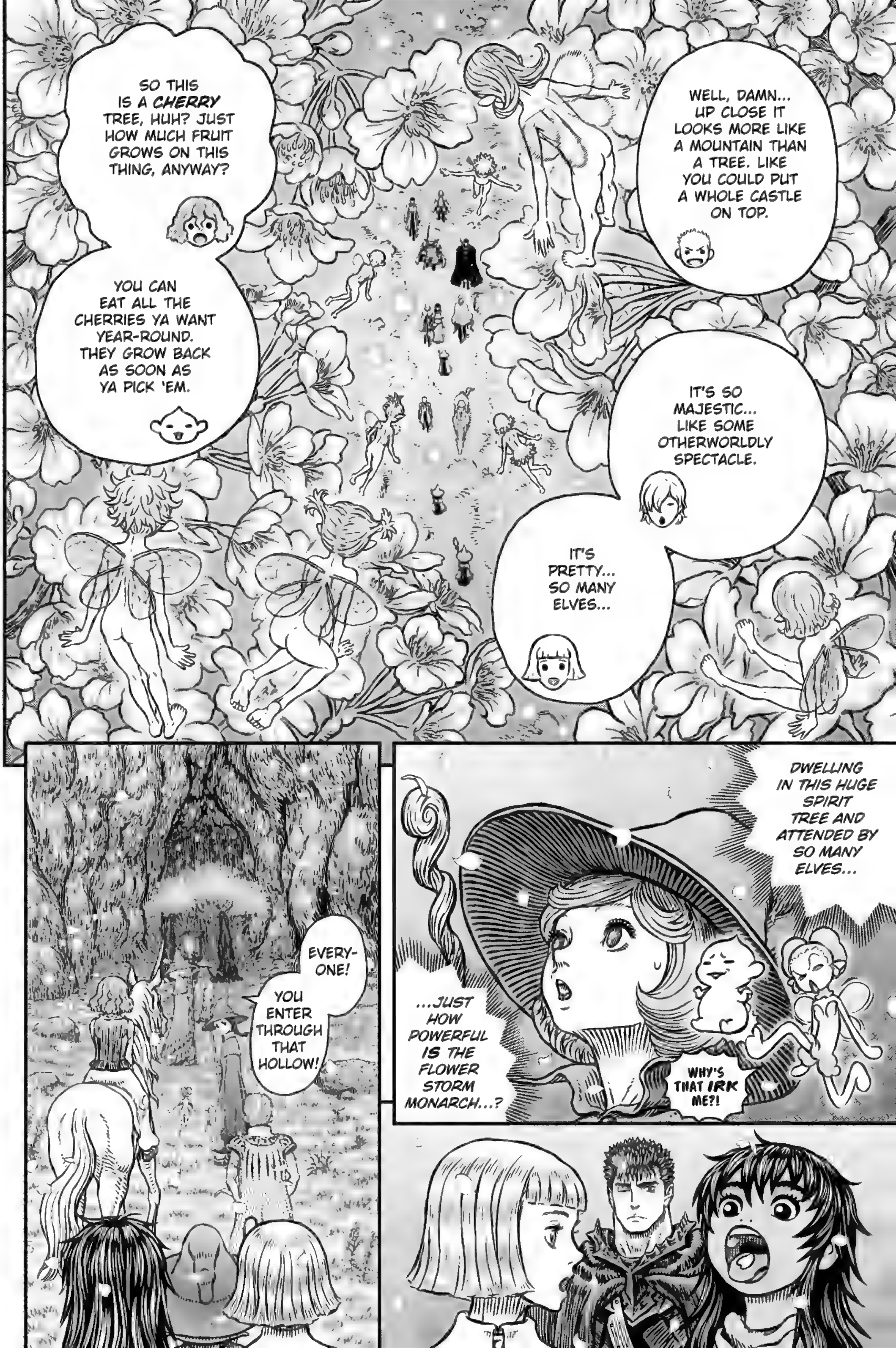
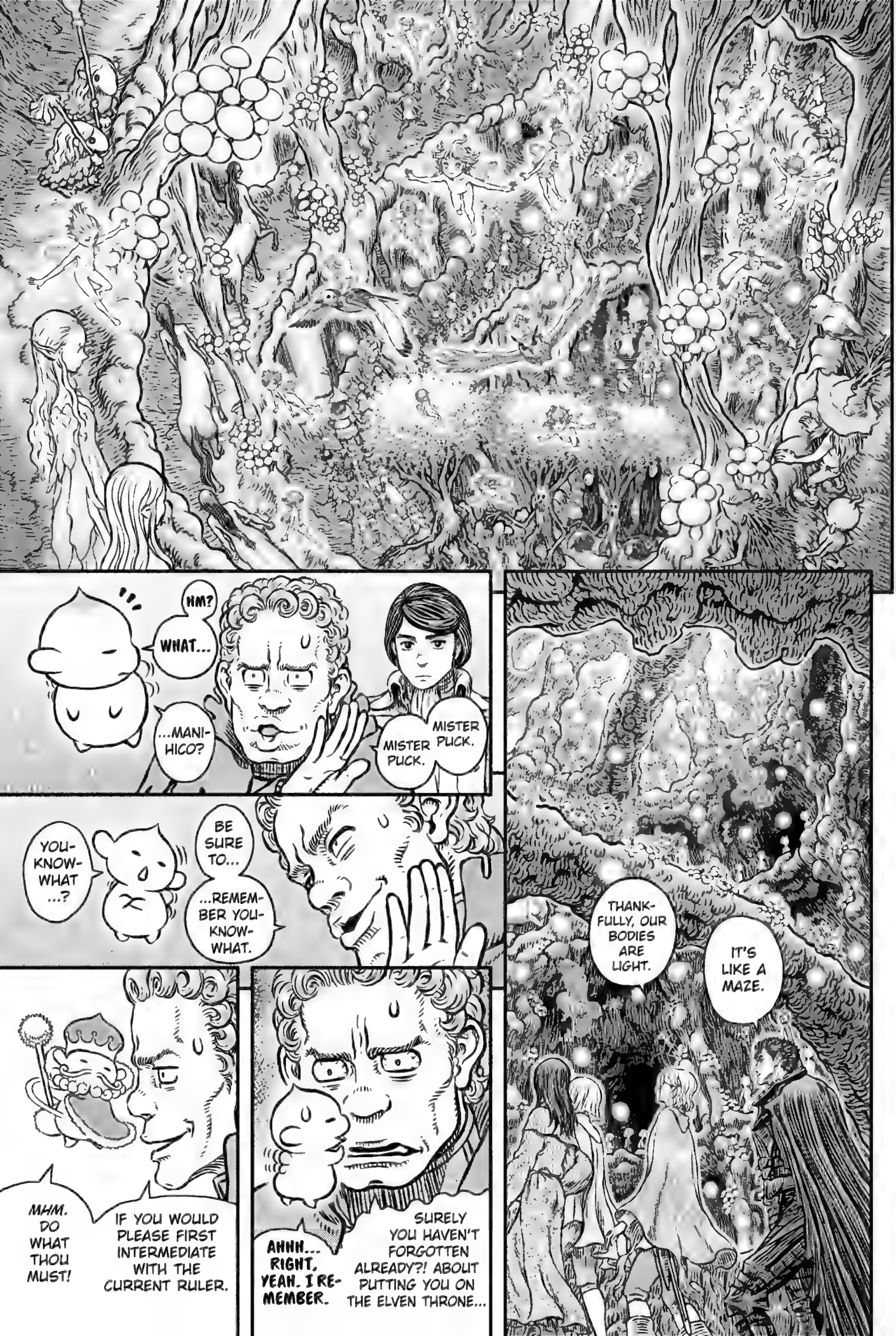
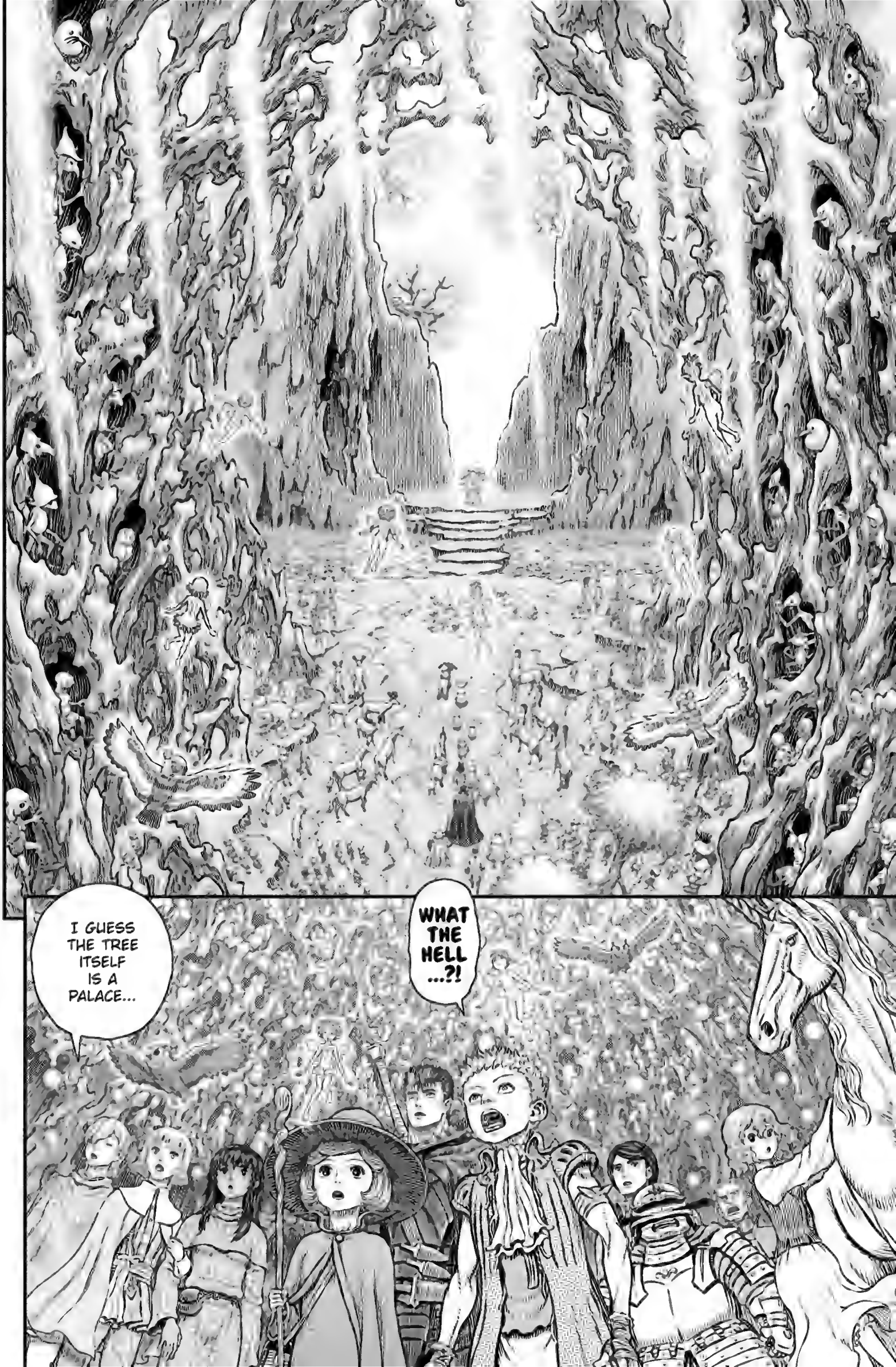
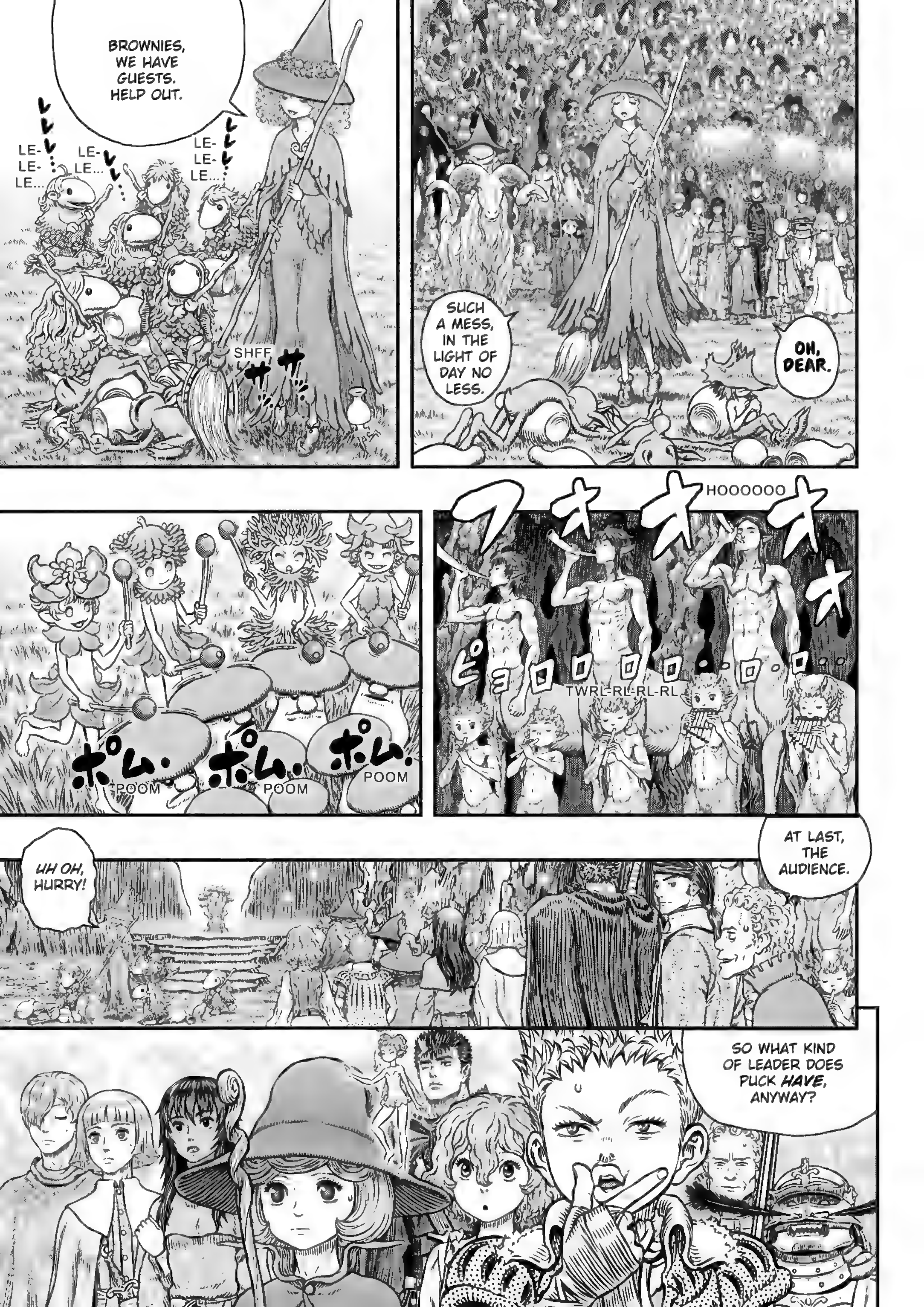
GRRR
THAT DAMN PACKHORSE.
ELVES RULE.




WELL, DAMN... UP CLOSE IT LOOKS MORE LIKE A MOUNTAIN THAN A TREE. LIKE YOU COULD PUT A WHOLE CASTLE ON TOP.
SO THIS IS A *CHERRY* TREE, HUH? JUST HOW MUCH FRUIT GROWS ON THIS THING, ANYWAY?
YOU CAN EAT ALL THE CHERRIES YA WANT YEAR-ROUND. THEY GROW BACK AS SOON AS YA PICK 'EM.
IT'S SO MAJESTIC... LIKE SOME OTHERWORLDLY SPECTACLE.
IT'S PRETTY... SO MANY ELVES...
DWELLING IN THIS HUGE SPIRIT TREE AND ATTENDED BY SO MANY ELVES...
...JUST HOW POWERFUL IS THE FLOWER STORM MONARCH...?
WHY'S THAT *IRK* ME?!
EVERY-ONE!
YOU ENTER THROUGH THAT HOLLOW!


IT'S LIKE A MAZE.
THANKFULLY, OUR BODIES ARE LIGHT.
MISTER PUCK.
MISTER PUCK.
HM?
WHAT...
...MANIHICO?
BE SURE TO...
...REMEMBER YOU-KNOW-WHAT.
YOU-KNOW-WHAT...?
SURELY YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ALREADY?! ABOUT PUTTING YOU ON THE ELVEN THRONE...
AHHH... RIGHT, YEAH. I REMEMBER.
IF YOU WOULD PLEASE FIRST INTERMEDIATE WITH THE CURRENT RULER.
MHM. DO WHAT THOU MUST!


WHAT THE HELL...?!
I GUESS THE TREE ITSELF IS A PALACE...


OH, DEAR.
SUCH A MESS, IN THE LIGHT OF DAY NO LESS.
BROWNIES, WE HAVE GUESTS. HELP OUT.
LE- LE- LE...
LE- LE...
LE- LE- LE...
サ サ
SHFF
フォオオオオ
HOOOOOO
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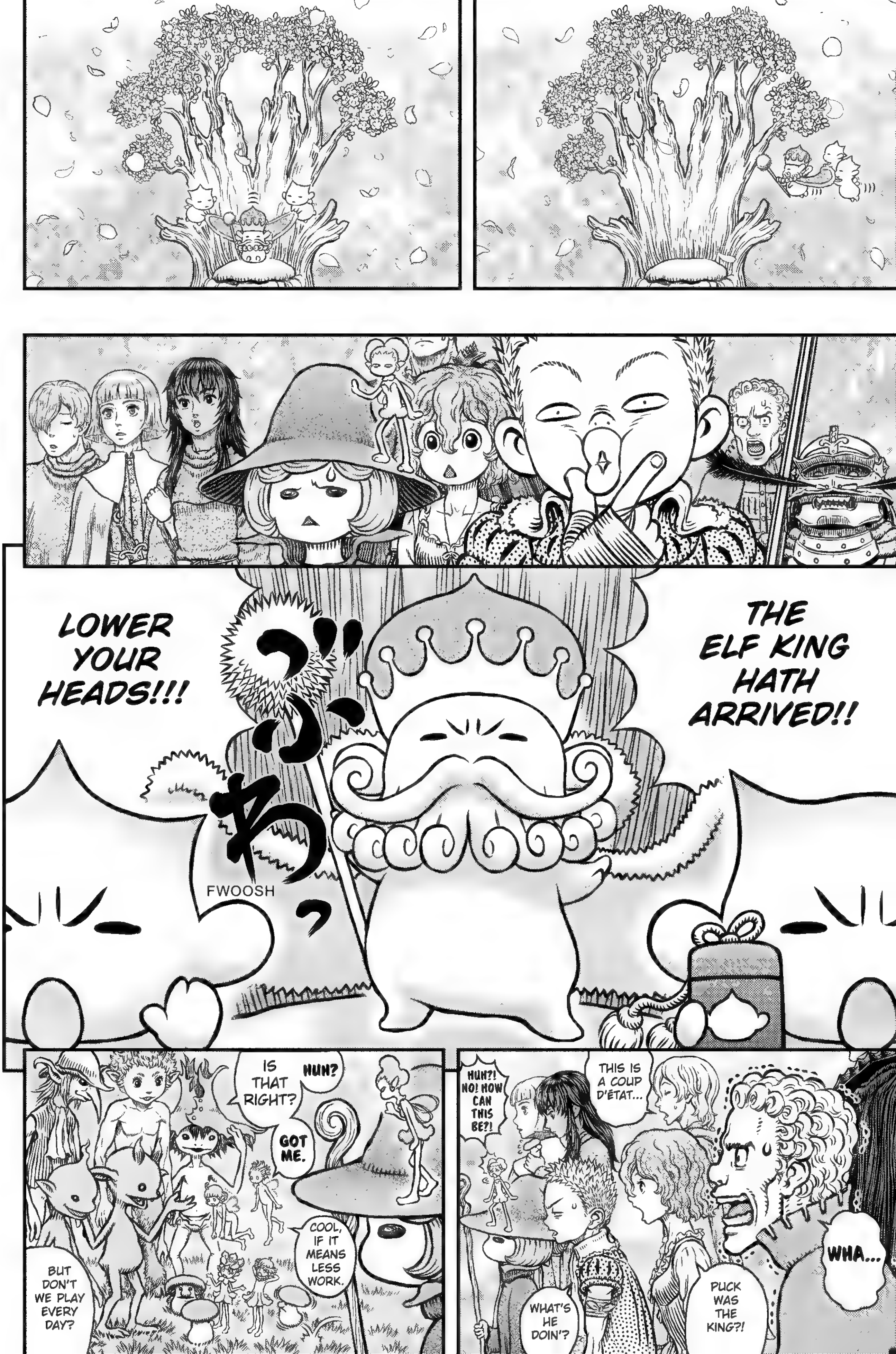
TWRL-RL-RL-RL
ポム・ ポム・ ポム・
POOM POOM POOM
AT LAST, THE AUDIENCE.
UH OH, HURRY!
SO WHAT KIND OF LEADER DOES PUCK *HAVE*, ANYWAY?


THE ELF KING HATH ARRIVED!!
LOWER YOUR HEADS!!!
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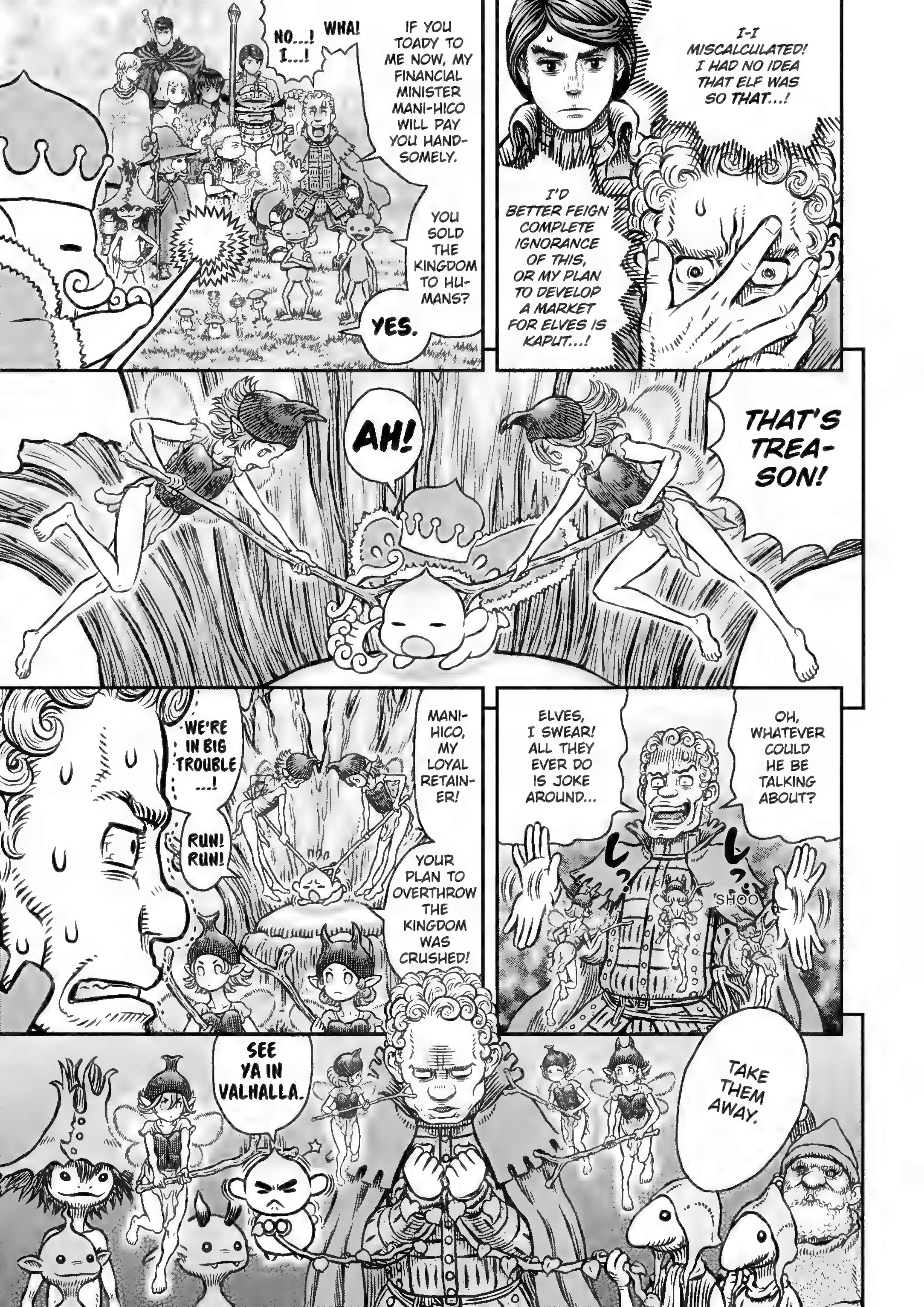
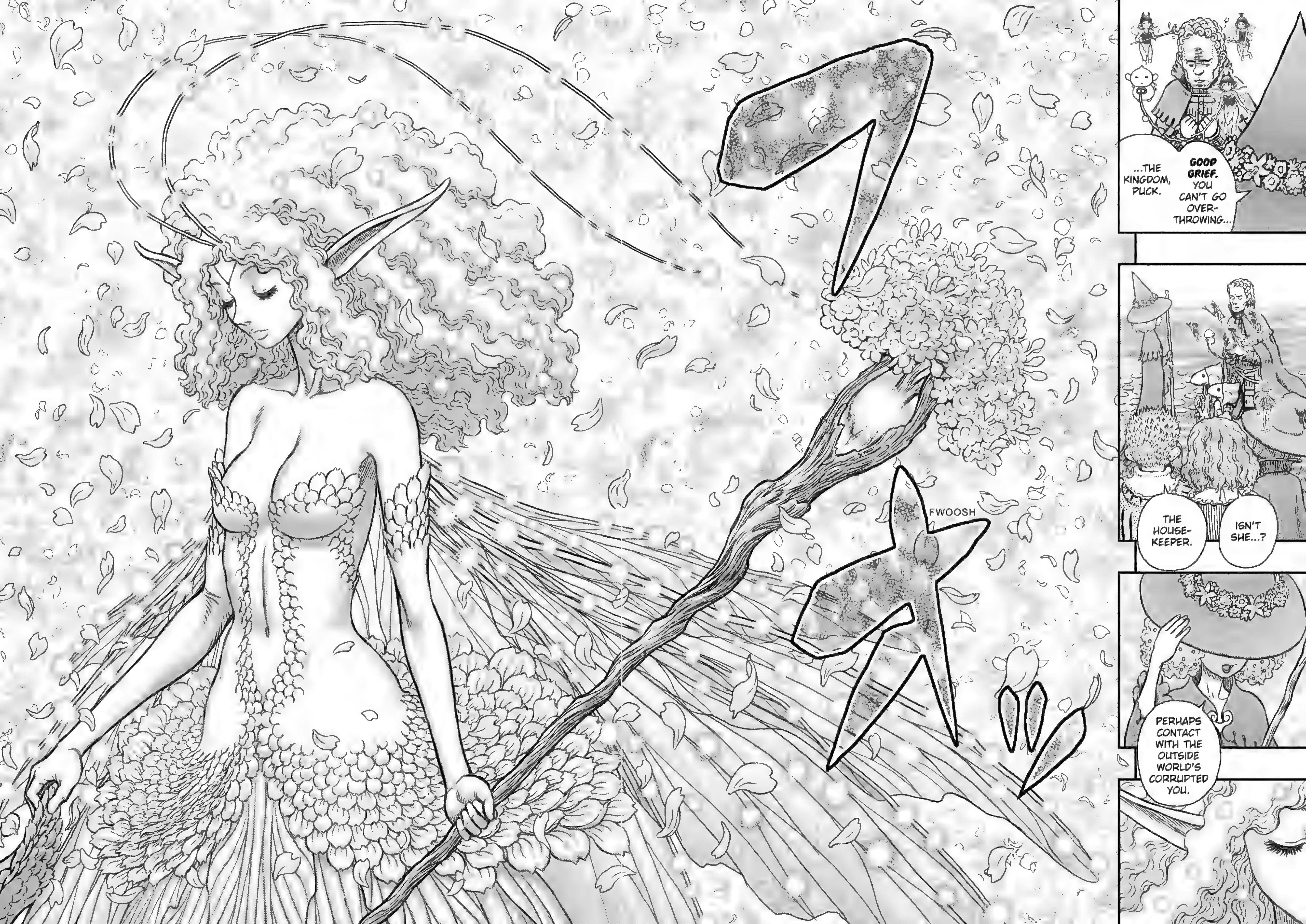
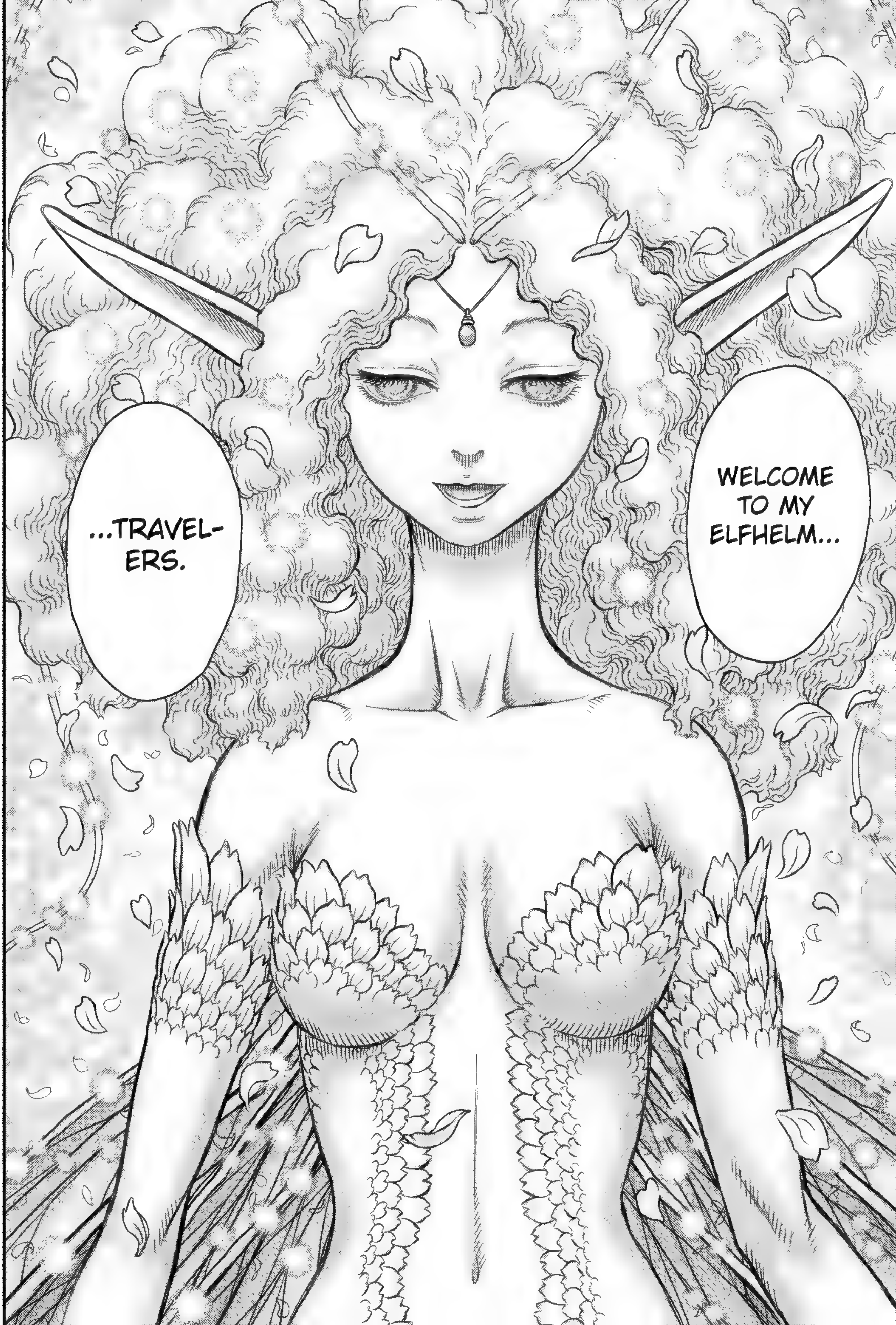
FWOOSH
THIS IS A COUP D'ÉTAT...
HUH?! NO! HOW CAN THIS BE?!
WHA...
PUCK WAS THE KING?!
WHAT'S HE DOIN'?
HUH?
IS THAT RIGHT?
GOT ME.
COOL, IF IT MEANS LESS WORK.
BUT DON'T WE PLAY EVERY DAY?


IF YOU TOADY TO ME NOW, MY FINANCIAL MINISTER MANI-HICO WILL PAY YOU HANDSOMELY.
WHA!
NO...! I...!
YOU SOLD THE KINGDOM TO HUMANS?
YES.
I-I MISCALCULATED! I HAD NO IDEA THAT ELF WAS SO THAT...!
I'D BETTER FEIGN COMPLETE IGNORANCE OF THIS, OR MY PLAN TO DEVELOP A MARKET FOR ELVES IS KAPUT...!
THAT'S TREASON!
AH!
WE'RE IN BIG TROUBLE...!
RUN! RUN!
MANI-HICO, MY LOYAL RETAINER!
YOUR PLAN TO OVERTHROW THE KINGDOM WAS CRUSHED!
ELVES, I SWEAR! ALL THEY EVER DO IS JOKE AROUND...
OH, WHATEVER COULD HE BE TALKING ABOUT?
SHOO
SEE YA IN VALHALLA.
TAKE THEM AWAY.


GOOD GRIEF. YOU CAN'T GO OVERTHROWING...
...THE KINGDOM, PUCK.
ISN'T SHE...?
THE HOUSEKEEPER.
PERHAPS CONTACT WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD'S CORRUPTED YOU.
FWOOSH


WELCOME TO MY ELFHELM...
...TRAVELERS.

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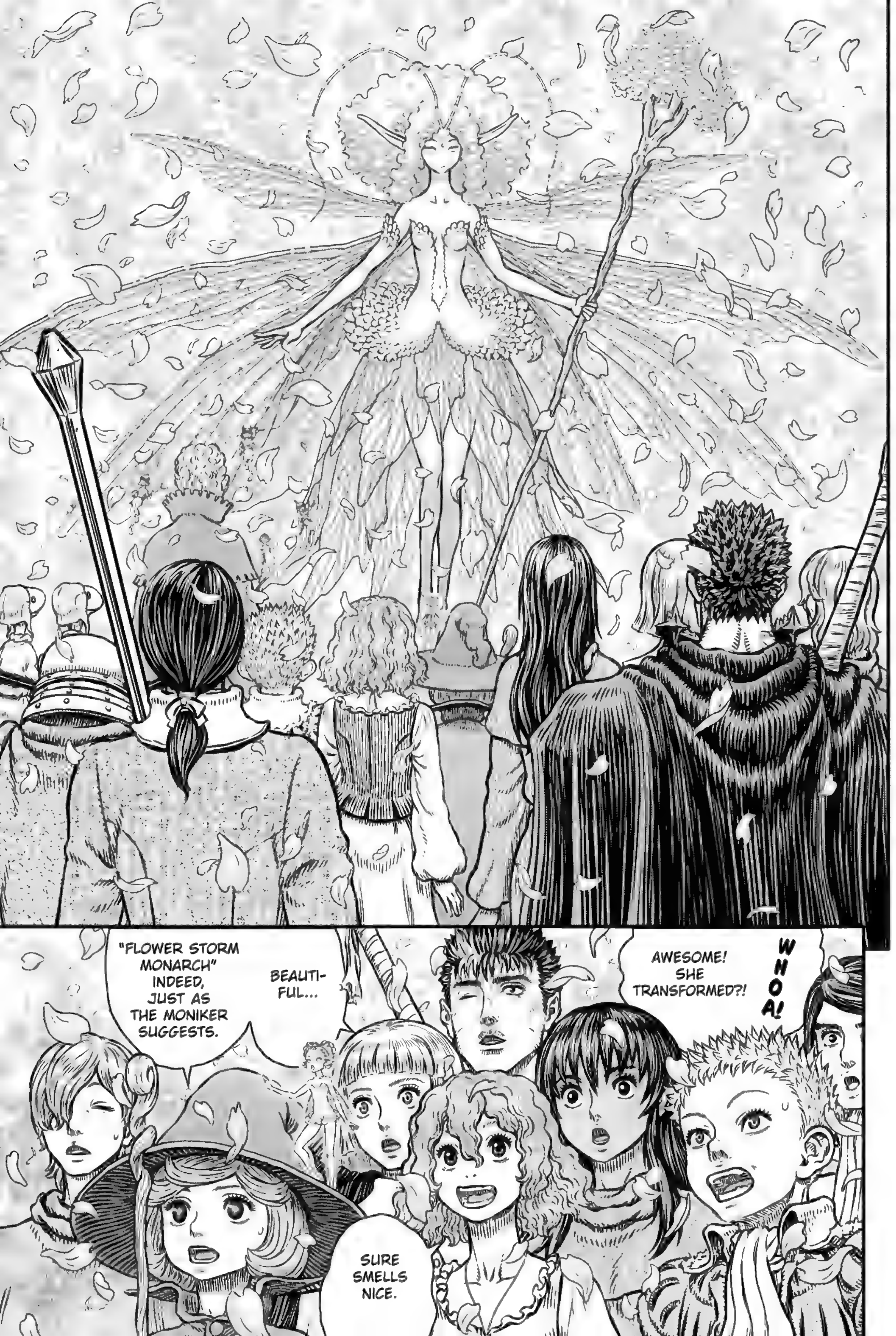
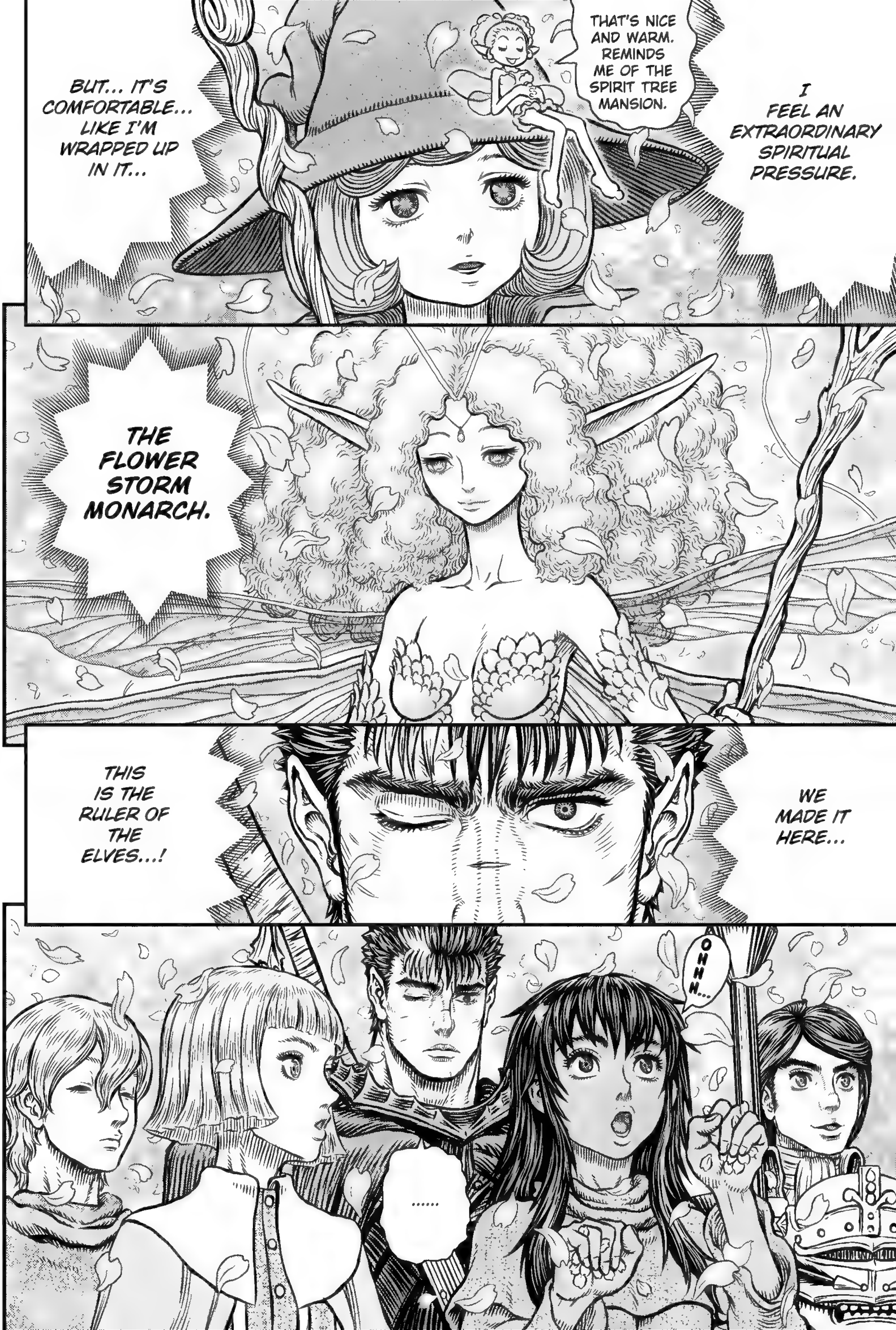
THE FLOWER STORM MONARCH


WHOA!
AWESOME! SHE TRANSFORMED?!
BEAUTIFUL...
"FLOWER STORM MONARCH" INDEED, JUST AS THE MONIKER SUGGESTS.
SURE SMELLS NICE.


I FEEL AN EXTRAORDINARY SPIRITUAL PRESSURE.
THAT'S NICE AND WARM. REMINDS ME OF THE SPIRIT TREE MANSION.
BUT... IT'S COMFORTABLE... LIKE I'M WRAPPED UP IN IT...
THE FLOWER STORM MONARCH.
WE MADE IT HERE...
THIS IS THE RULER OF THE ELVES...!
OHHH...
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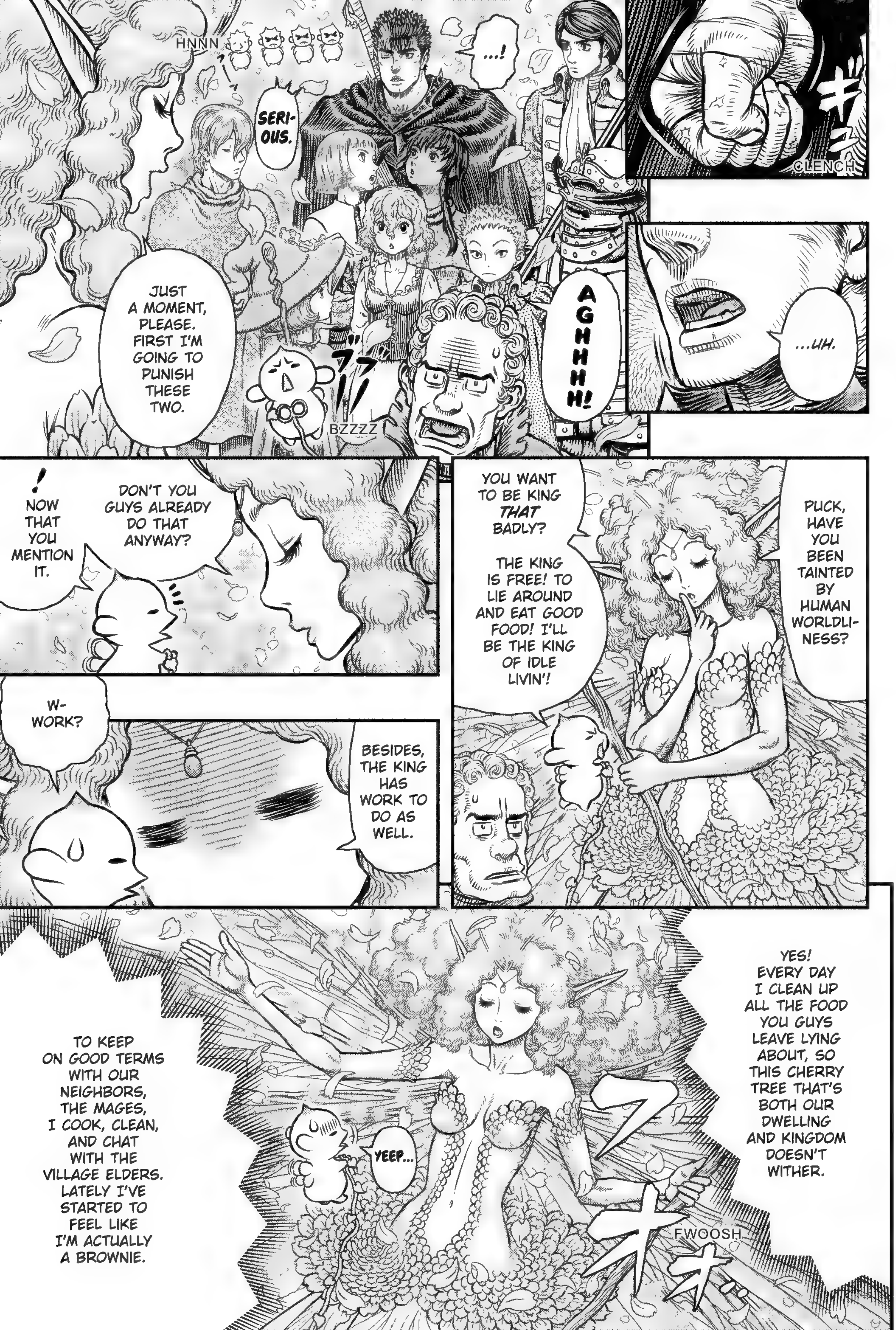
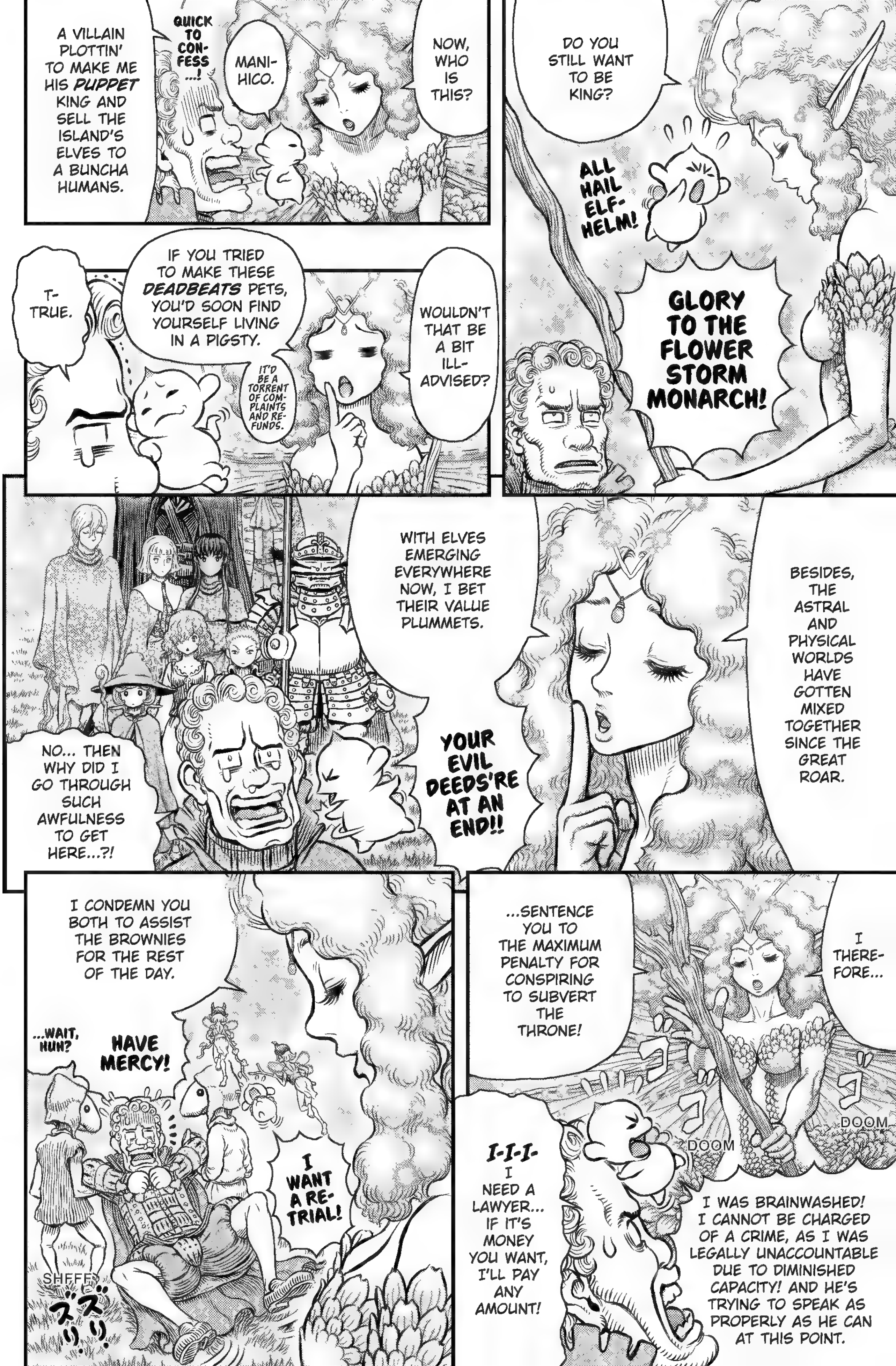

CLENCH
...UH.
...!
HNNN
SERI-OUS.
AGHHHHH!
BZZZZ
JUST A MOMENT, PLEASE. FIRST I'M GOING TO PUNISH THESE TWO.
PUCK, HAVE YOU BEEN TAINTED BY HUMAN WORLDLINESS?
YOU WANT TO BE KING *THAT* BADLY?
THE KING IS FREE! TO LIE AROUND AND EAT GOOD FOOD! I'LL BE THE KING OF IDLE LIVIN'!
DON'T YOU GUYS ALREADY DO THAT ANYWAY?
! NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT.
BESIDES, THE KING HAS WORK TO DO AS WELL.
W-WORK?
YES! EVERY DAY I CLEAN UP ALL THE FOOD YOU GUYS LEAVE LYING ABOUT, SO THIS CHERRY TREE THAT'S BOTH OUR DWELLING AND KINGDOM DOESN'T WITHER.
FWOOSH
YEEP...
TO KEEP ON GOOD TERMS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS, THE MAGES, I COOK, CLEAN, AND CHAT WITH THE VILLAGE ELDERS. LATELY I'VE STARTED TO FEEL LIKE I'M ACTUALLY A BROWNIE.


DO YOU STILL WANT TO BE KING?
ALL HAIL ELF-HELM!
GLORY TO THE FLOWER STORM MONARCH!
NOW, WHO IS THIS?
MANI-HICO.
QUICK TO CON-FESS...!
A VILLAIN PLOTTIN' TO MAKE ME HIS *PUPPET* KING AND SELL THE ISLAND'S ELVES TO A BUNCHA HUMANS.
WOULDN'T THAT BE A BIT ILL-ADVISED?
IT'D BE A TORRENT OF COMPLAINTS AND REFUNDS.
IF YOU TRIED TO MAKE THESE *DEADBEATS* PETS, YOU'D SOON FIND YOURSELF LIVING IN A PIGSTY.
T-TRUE.
BESIDES, THE ASTRAL AND PHYSICAL WORLDS HAVE GOTTEN MIXED TOGETHER SINCE THE GREAT ROAR.
WITH ELVES EMERGING EVERYWHERE NOW, I BET THEIR VALUE PLUMMETS.
YOUR EVIL DEEDS'RE AT AN END!!
NO... THEN WHY DID I GO THROUGH SUCH AWFULNESS TO GET HERE...?!
I THEREFORE...
...SENTENCE YOU TO THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR CONSPIRING TO SUBVERT THE THRONE!
DOOM
DOOM
I WAS BRAINWASHED! I CANNOT BE CHARGED OF A CRIME, AS I WAS LEGALLY UNACCOUNTABLE DUE TO DIMINISHED CAPACITY! AND HE'S TRYING TO SPEAK AS PROPERLY AS HE CAN AT THIS POINT.
I-I-I- I NEED A LAWYER... IF IT'S MONEY YOU WANT, I'LL PAY ANY AMOUNT!
I CONDEMN YOU BOTH TO ASSIST THE BROWNIES FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.
I WANT A RE-TRIAL!
HAVE MERCY!
...WAIT, HUH?
SHFFF
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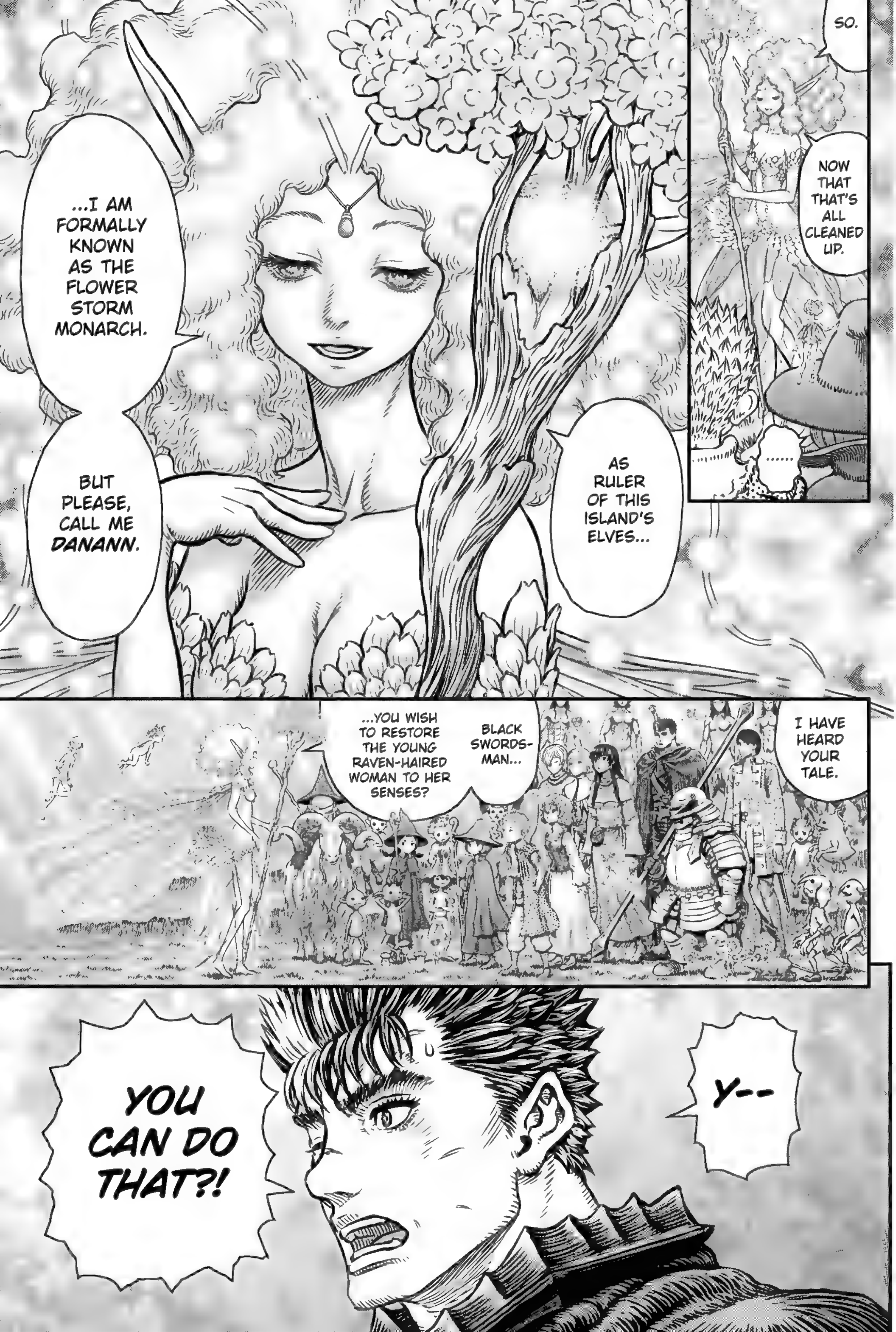
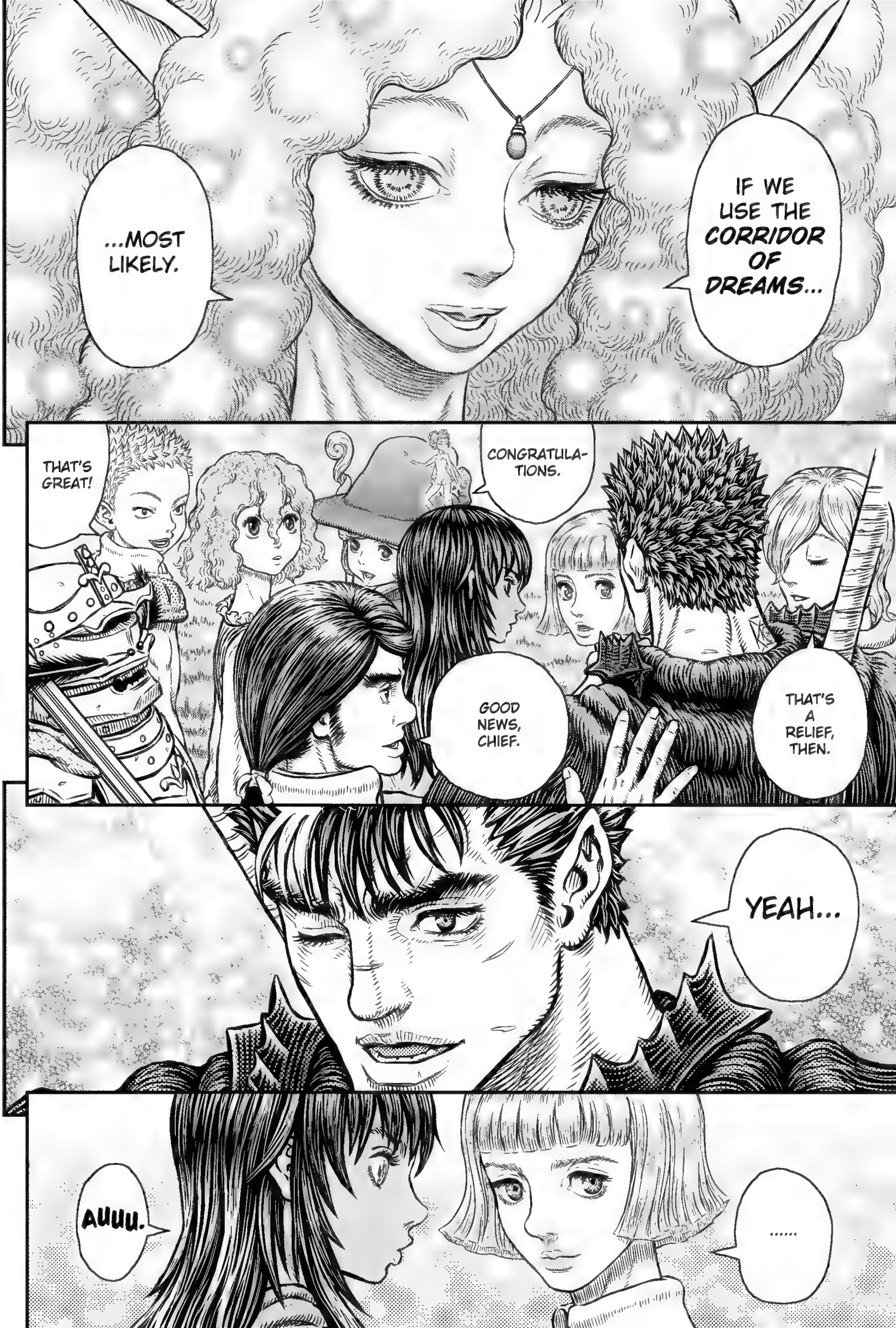
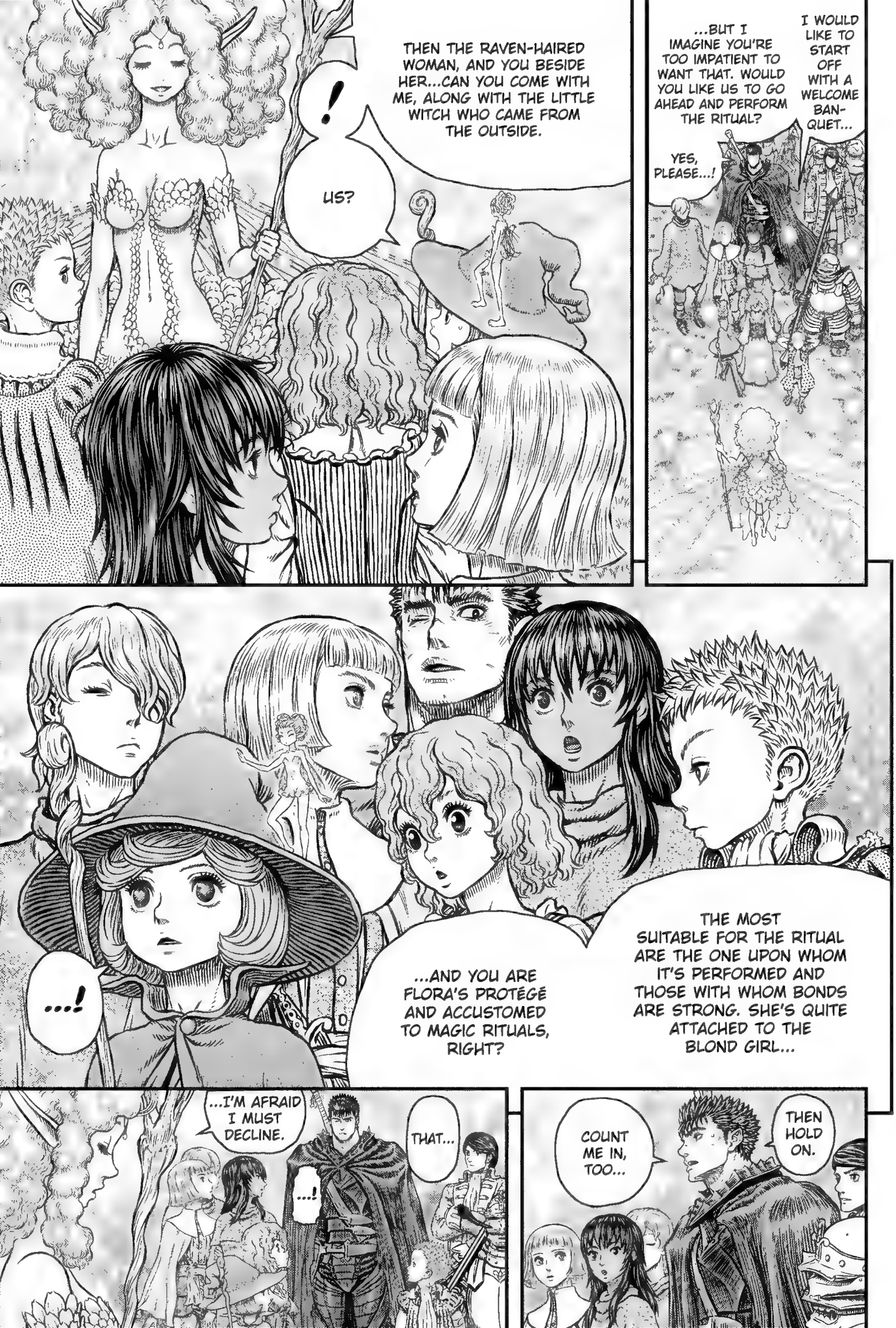
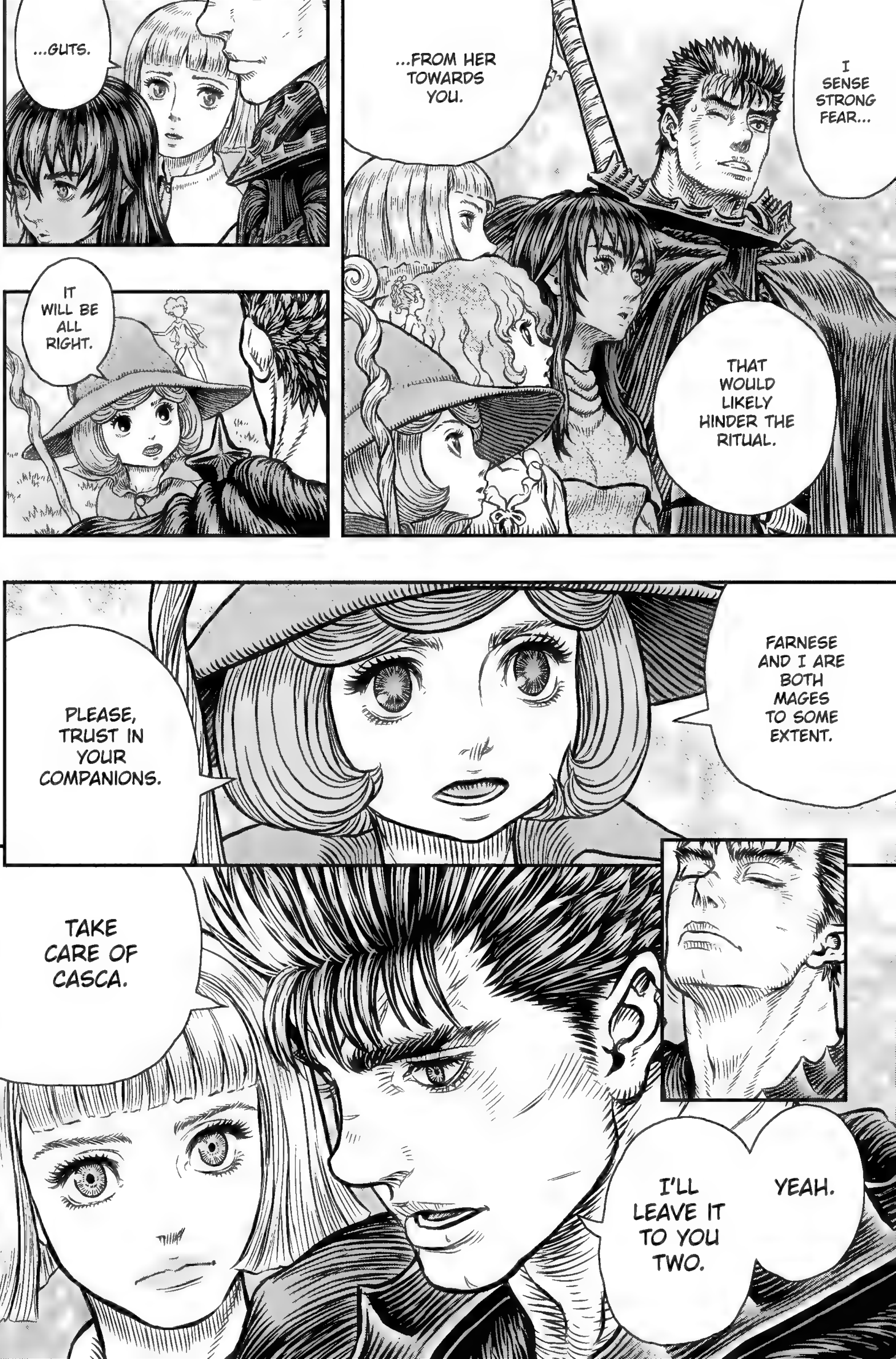
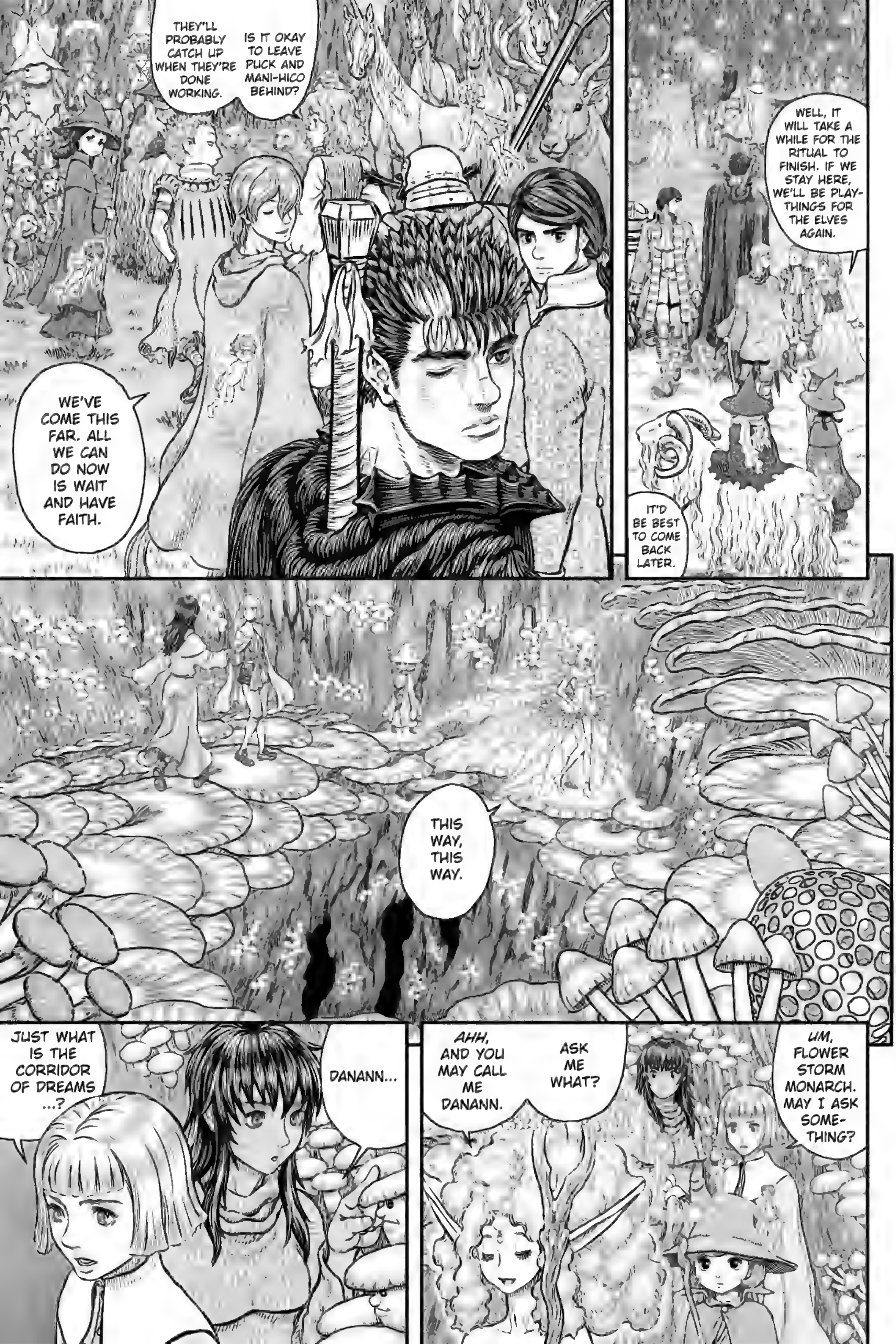
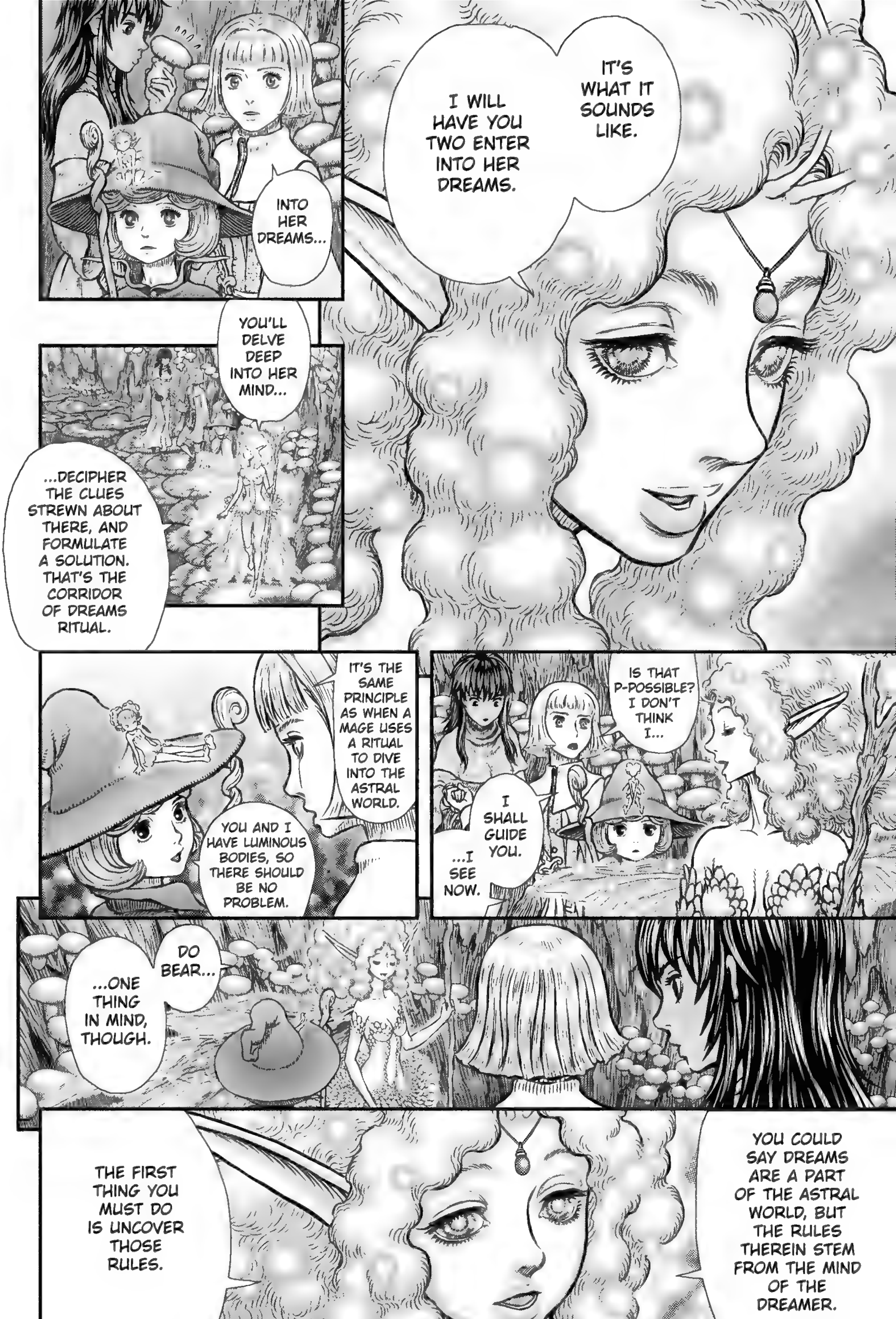

SO.
NOW THAT THAT'S ALL CLEANED UP.
......
......
AS RULER OF THIS ISLAND'S ELVES...
...I AM FORMALLY KNOWN AS THE FLOWER STORM MONARCH.
BUT PLEASE, CALL ME *DANANN*.
I HAVE HEARD YOUR TALE.
BLACK SWORDSMAN...
...YOU WISH TO RESTORE THE YOUNG RAVEN-HAIRED WOMAN TO HER SENSES?
Y--
YOU CAN DO THAT?!

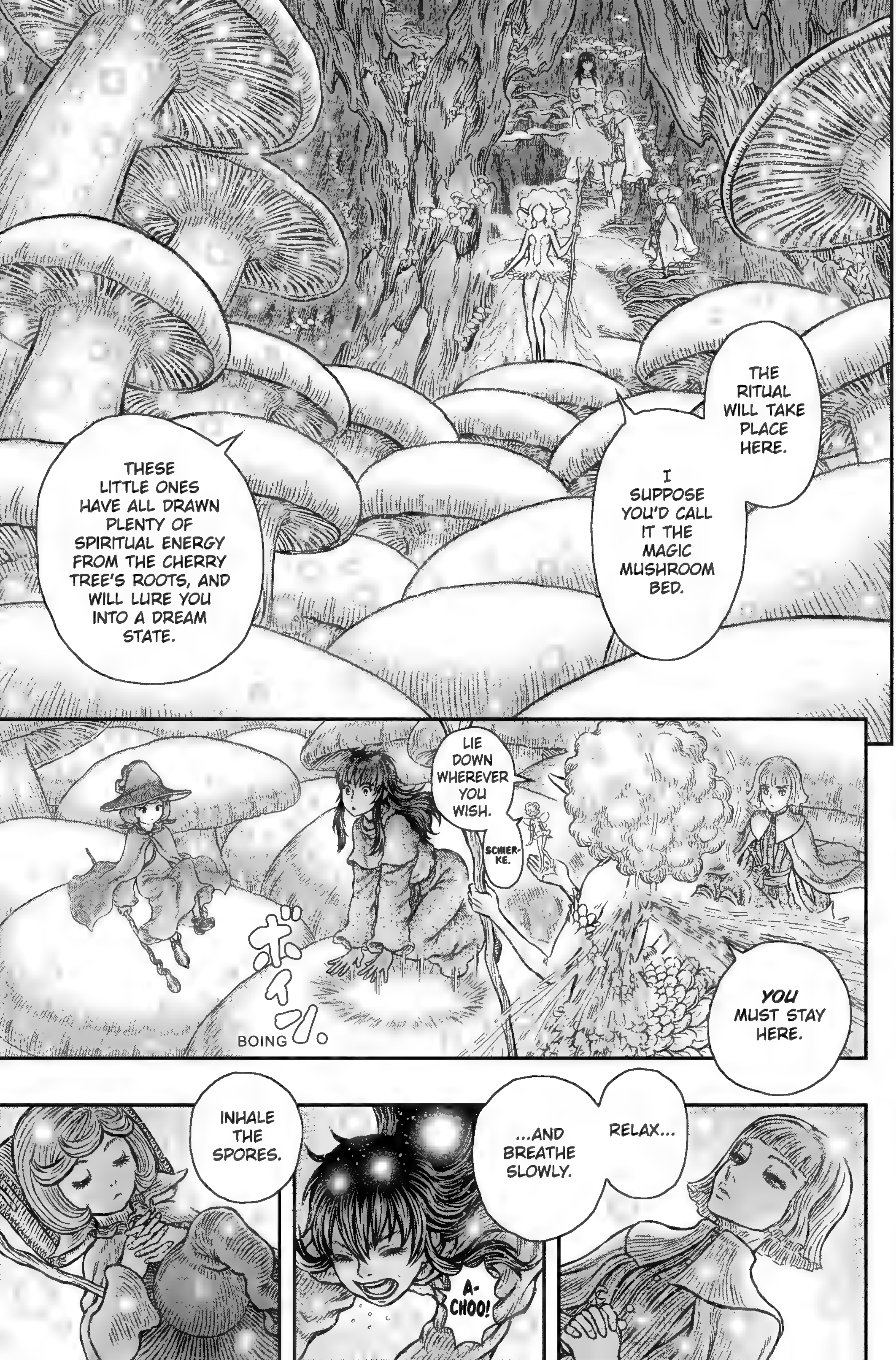

IF WE USE THE *CORRIDOR OF DREAMS*...
...MOST LIKELY.
CONGRATULA-TIONS.
THAT'S A RELIEF, THEN.
GOOD NEWS, CHIEF.
THAT'S GREAT!
YEAH...
......
AUUU.

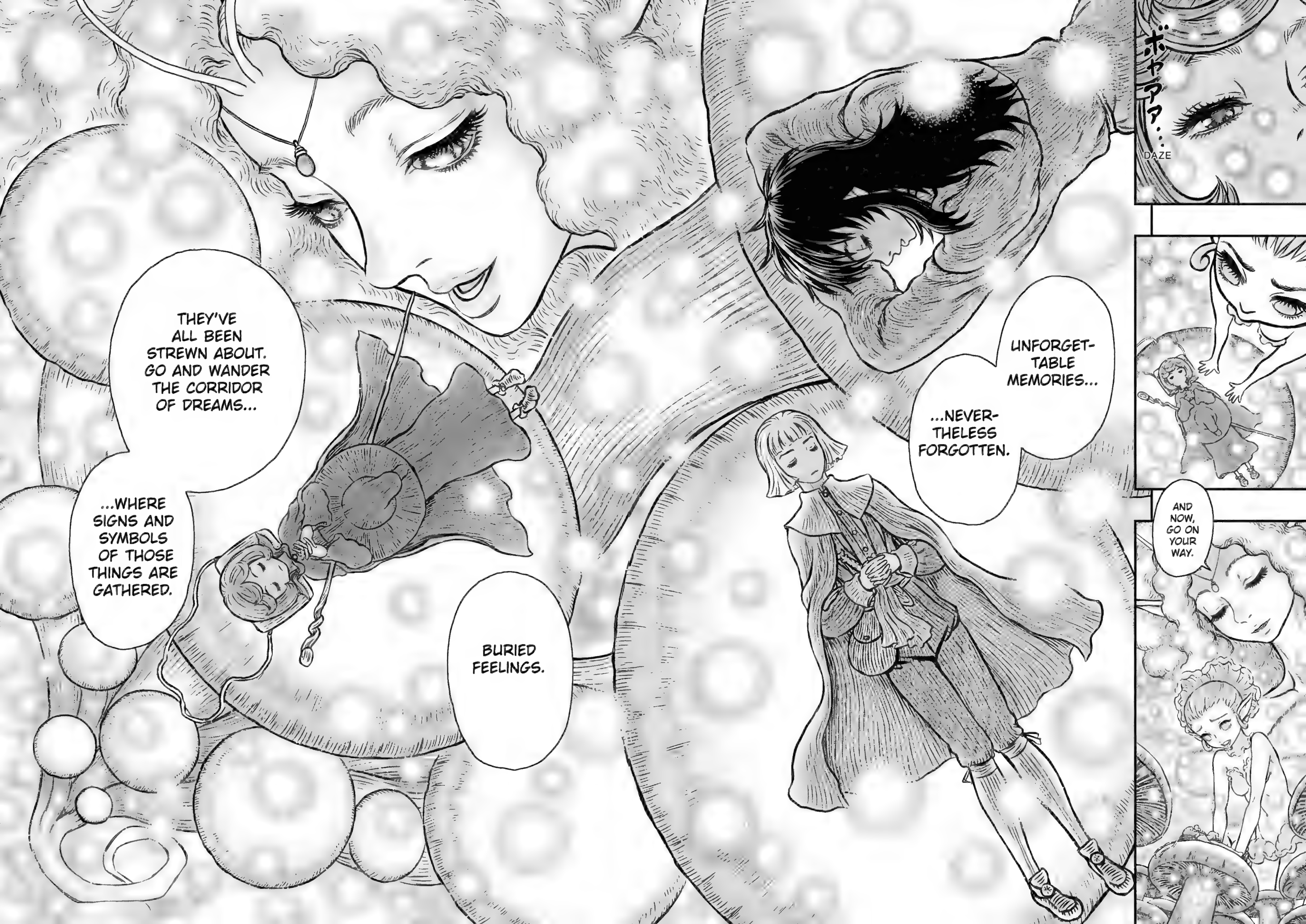

I WOULD LIKE TO START OFF WITH A WELCOME BANQUET...
...BUT I IMAGINE YOU'RE TOO IMPATIENT TO WANT THAT. WOULD YOU LIKE US TO GO AHEAD AND PERFORM THE RITUAL?
YES, PLEASE...!
THEN THE RAVEN-HAIRED WOMAN, AND YOU BESIDE HER...CAN YOU COME WITH ME, ALONG WITH THE LITTLE WITCH WHO CAME FROM THE OUTSIDE.
!
US?
THE MOST SUITABLE FOR THE RITUAL ARE THE ONE UPON WHOM IT'S PERFORMED AND THOSE WITH WHOM BONDS ARE STRONG. SHE'S QUITE ATTACHED TO THE BLOND GIRL...
...AND YOU ARE FLORA'S PROTÉGÉ AND ACCUSTOMED TO MAGIC RITUALS, RIGHT?
...!
THEN HOLD ON.
COUNT ME IN, TOO...
THAT...
...I'M AFRAID I MUST DECLINE.
...!

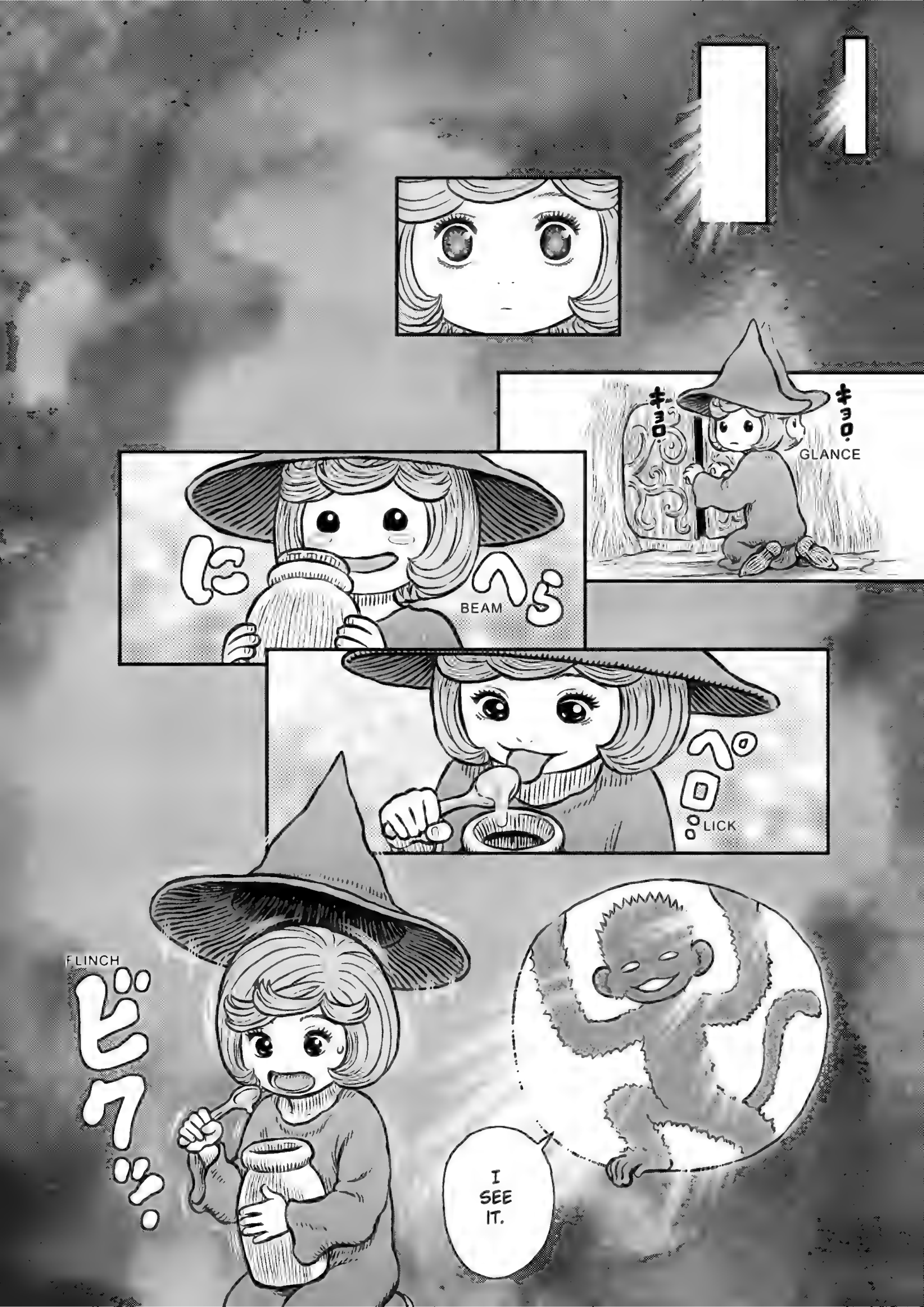

I SENSE STRONG FEAR...
...FROM HER TOWARDS YOU.
THAT WOULD LIKELY HINDER THE RITUAL.
...GUTS.
IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT.
FARNESE AND I ARE BOTH MAGES TO SOME EXTENT.
PLEASE, TRUST IN YOUR COMPANIONS.
YEAH.
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU TWO.
TAKE CARE OF CASCA.

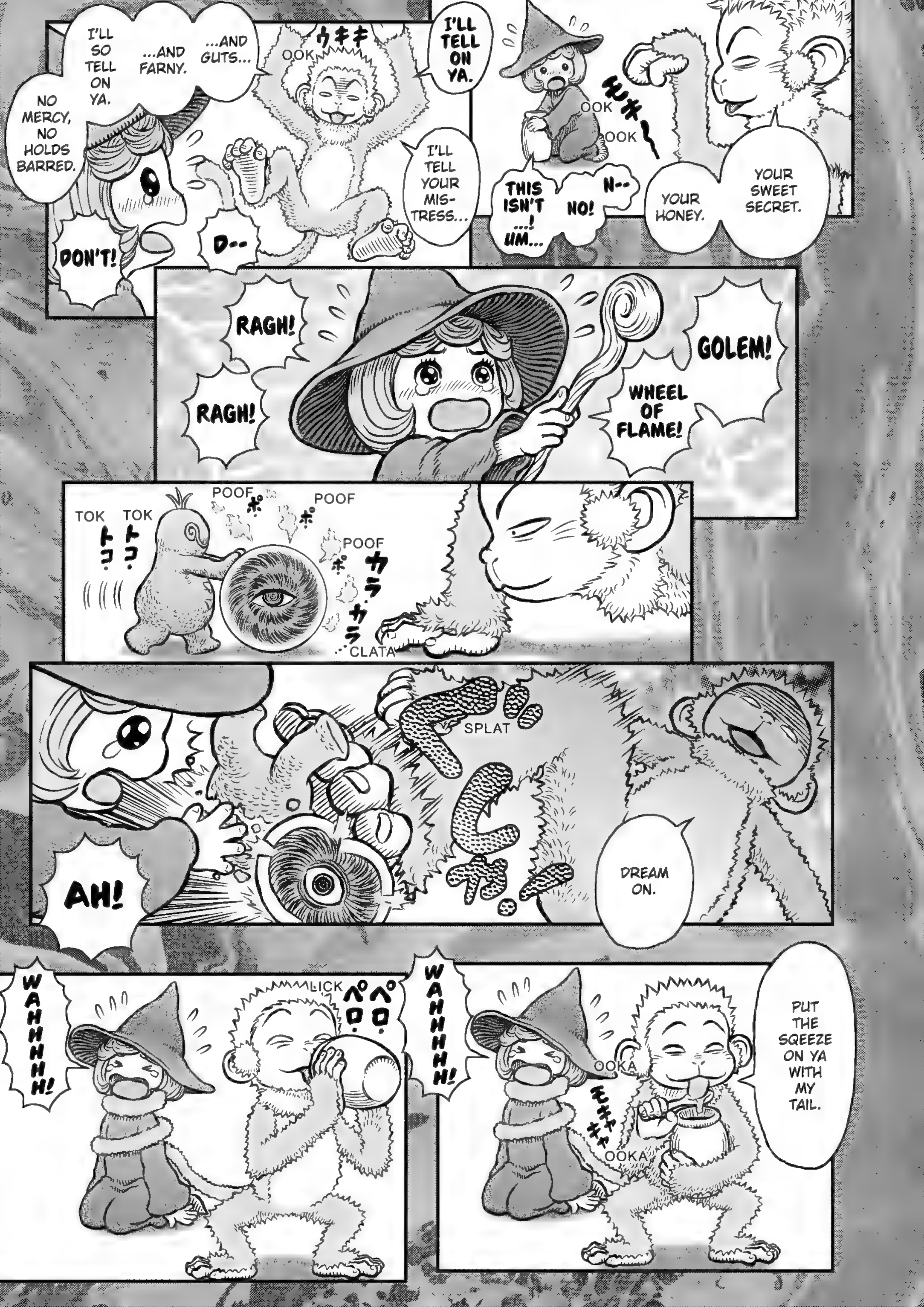

IS IT OKAY TO LEAVE PUCK AND MANI-HICO BEHIND?
WELL, IT WILL TAKE A WHILE FOR THE RITUAL TO FINISH. IF WE STAY HERE, WE'LL BE PLAYTHINGS FOR THE ELVES AGAIN.
IT'D BE BEST TO COME BACK LATER.
THEY'LL PROBABLY CATCH UP WHEN THEY'RE DONE WORKING.
WE'VE COME THIS FAR. ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS WAIT AND HAVE FAITH.
THIS WAY, THIS WAY.
UM, FLOWER STORM MONARCH. MAY I ASK SOMETHING?
ASK ME WHAT?
AHH, AND YOU MAY CALL ME DANANN.
DANANN...
JUST WHAT IS THE CORRIDOR OF DREAMS ...?

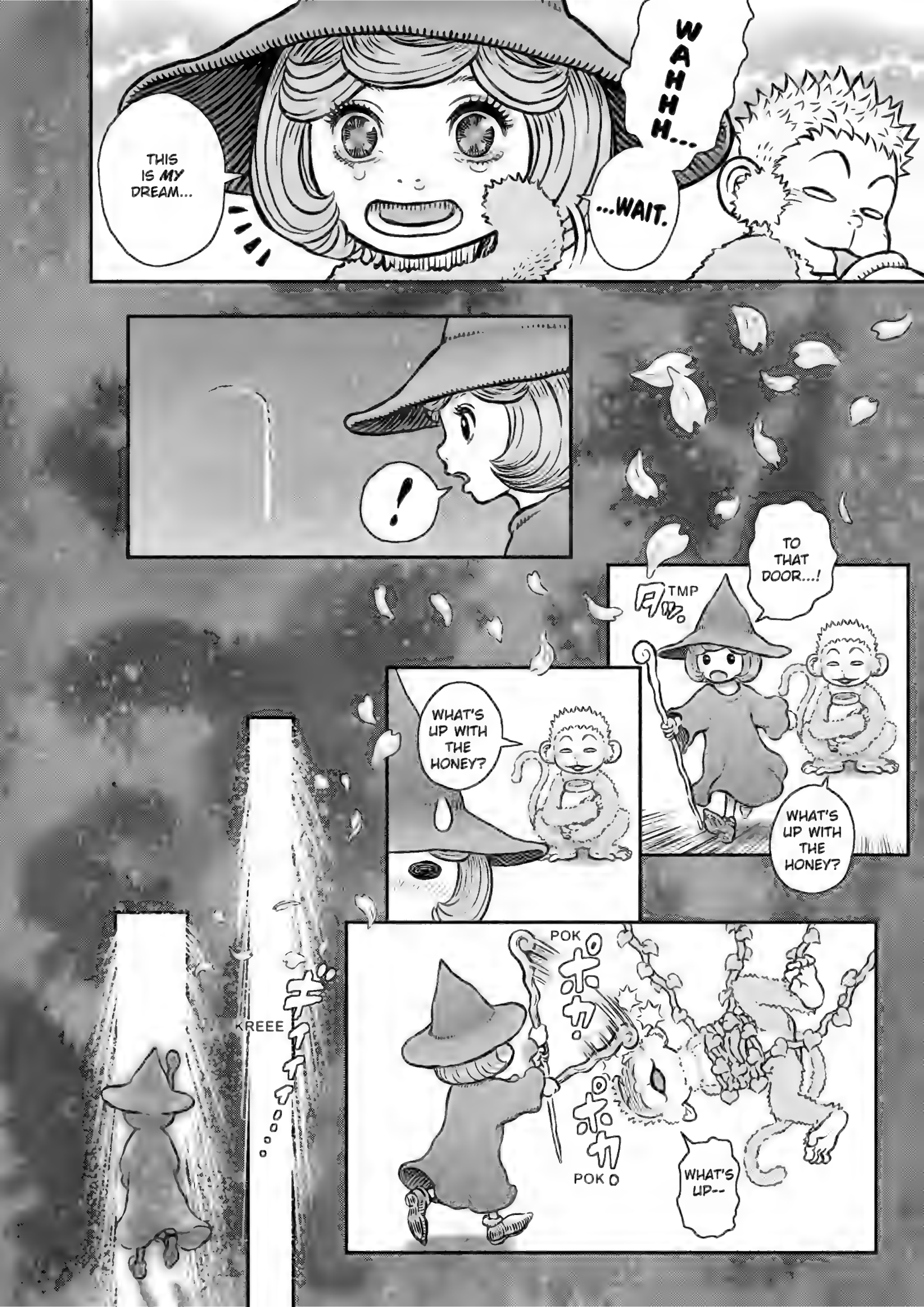

INTO HER DREAMS...
IT'S WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE.
I WILL HAVE YOU TWO ENTER INTO HER DREAMS.
YOU'LL DELVE DEEP INTO HER MIND...
...DECIPHER THE CLUES STREWN ABOUT THERE, AND FORMULATE A SOLUTION. THAT'S THE CORRIDOR OF DREAMS RITUAL.
IS THAT P-POSSIBLE? I DON'T THINK I...
I SHALL GUIDE YOU.
...I SEE NOW.
IT'S THE SAME PRINCIPLE AS WHEN A MAGE USES A RITUAL TO DIVE INTO THE ASTRAL WORLD.
YOU AND I HAVE LUMINOUS BODIES, SO THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM.
DO BEAR...
...ONE THING IN MIND, THOUGH.
YOU COULD SAY DREAMS ARE A PART OF THE ASTRAL WORLD, BUT THE RULES THEREIN STEM FROM THE MIND OF THE DREAMER.
THE FIRST THING YOU MUST DO IS UNCOVER THOSE RULES.

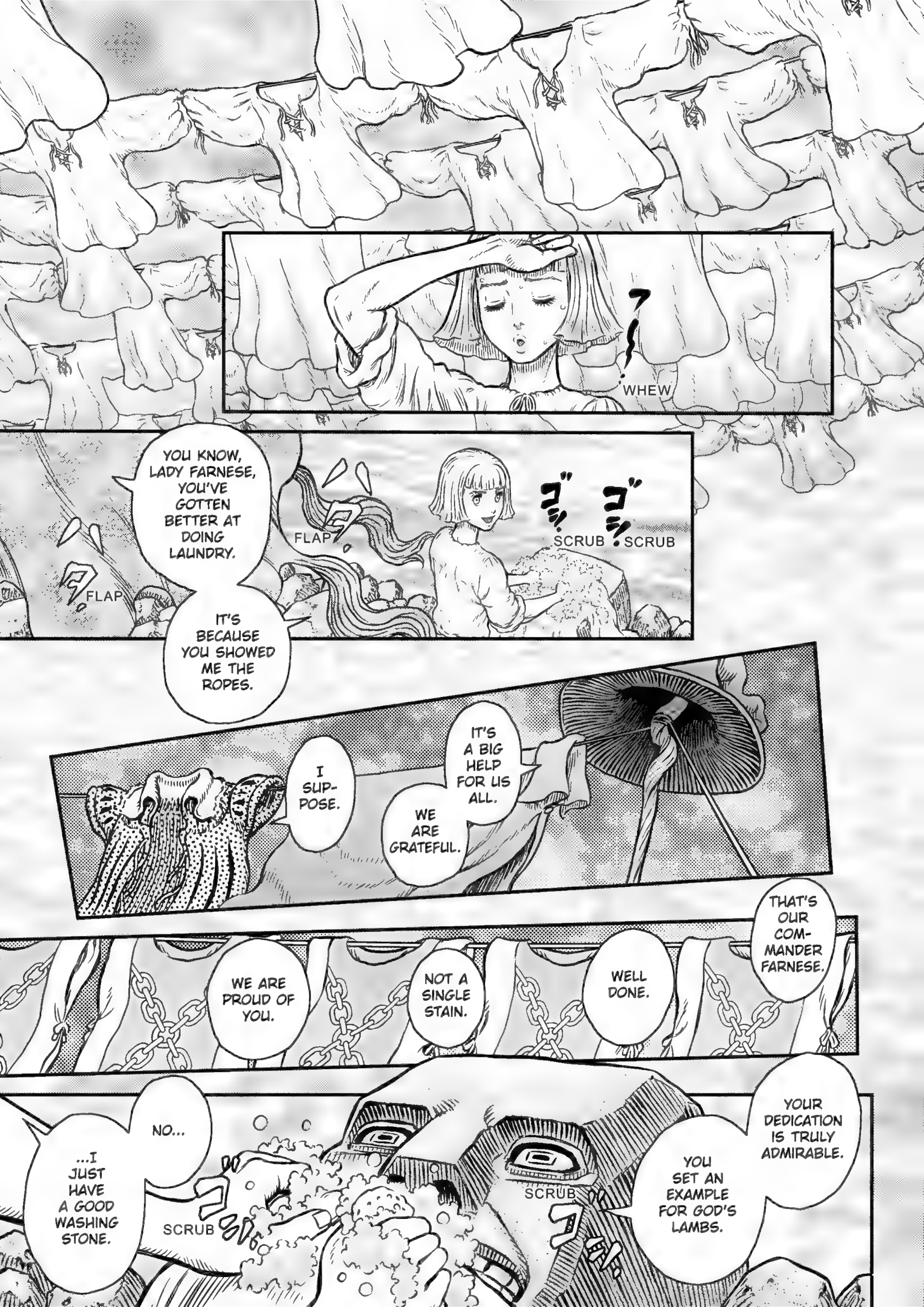

THE RITUAL WILL TAKE PLACE HERE.
I SUPPOSE YOU'D CALL IT THE MAGIC MUSHROOM BED.
THESE LITTLE ONES HAVE ALL DRAWN PLENTY OF SPIRITUAL ENERGY FROM THE CHERRY TREE'S ROOTS, AND WILL LURE YOU INTO A DREAM STATE.
LIE DOWN WHEREVER YOU WISH.
SCHIERKE.
YOU MUST STAY HERE.
BOING
RELAX...
...AND BREATHE SLOWLY.
A-CHOO!
INHALE THE SPORES.

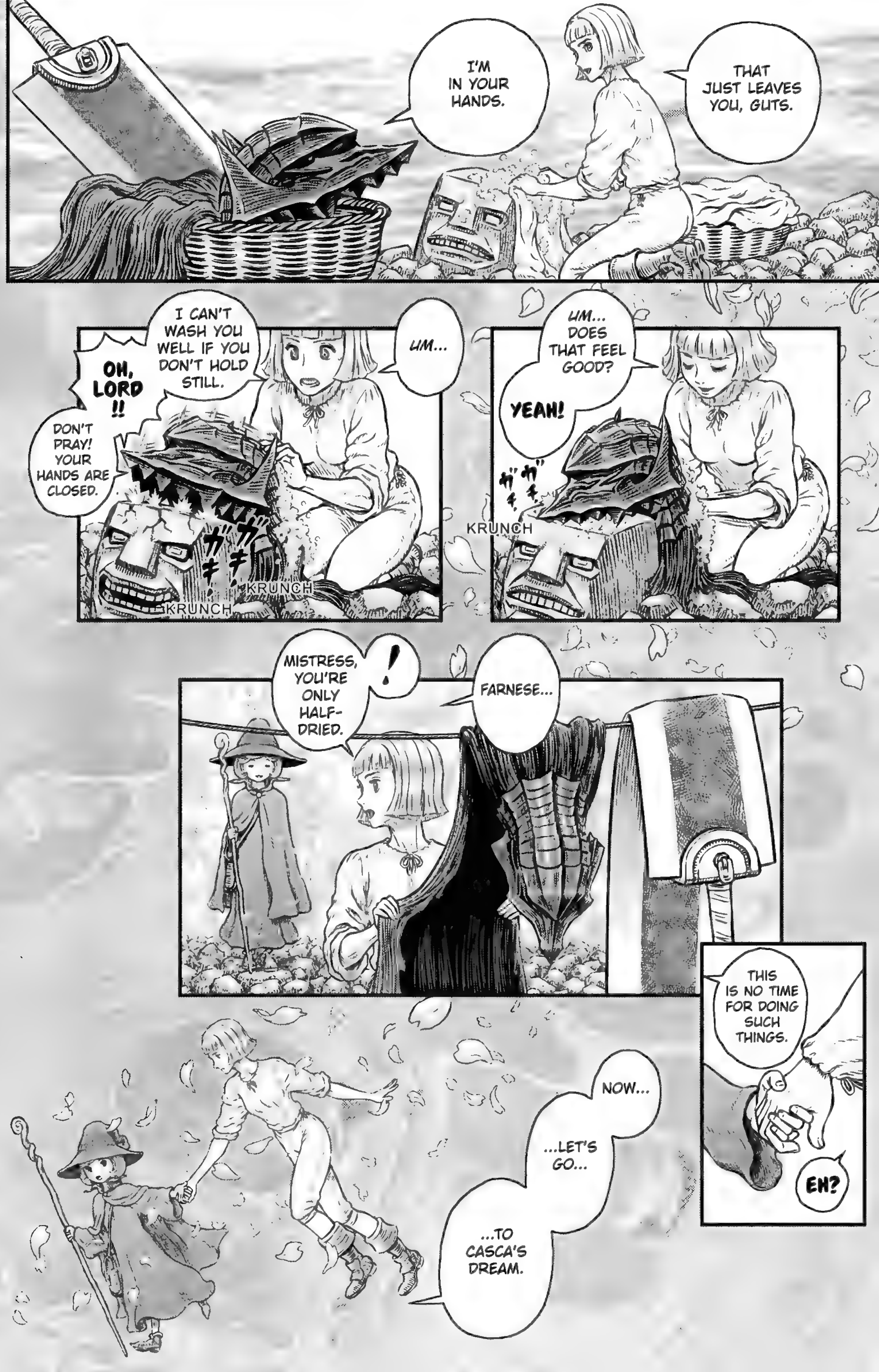

ボヤァァ…
DAZE
AND NOW, GO ON YOUR WAY.
UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES...
...NEVERTHELESS FORGOTTEN.
BURIED FEELINGS.
THEY'VE ALL BEEN STREWN ABOUT. GO AND WANDER THE CORRIDOR OF DREAMS...
...WHERE SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THOSE THINGS ARE GATHERED.

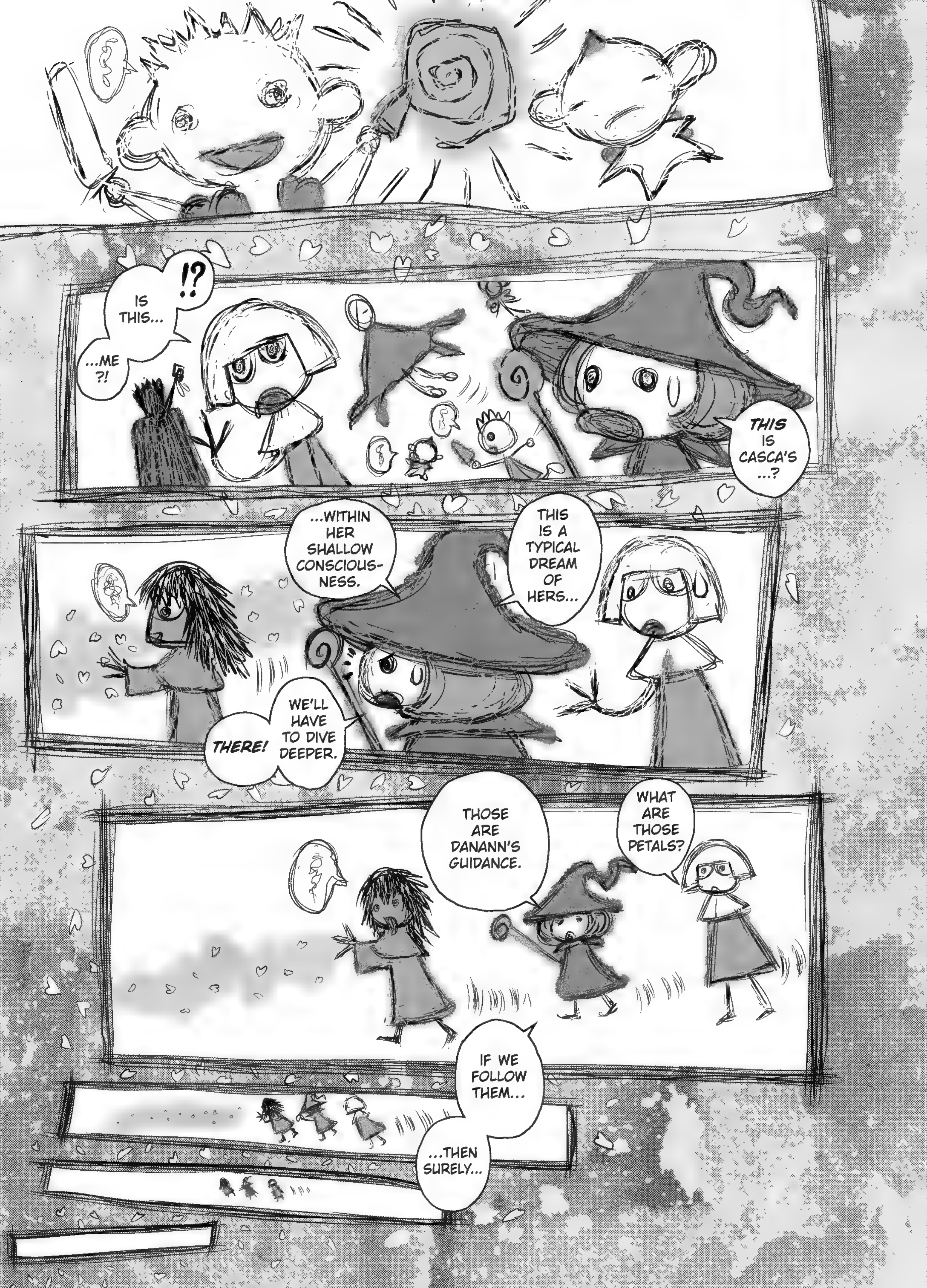

キョロ
キョロ
GLANCE
にへら
BEAM
ペロ
LICK
FLINCH
ビクッ!
I SEE IT.

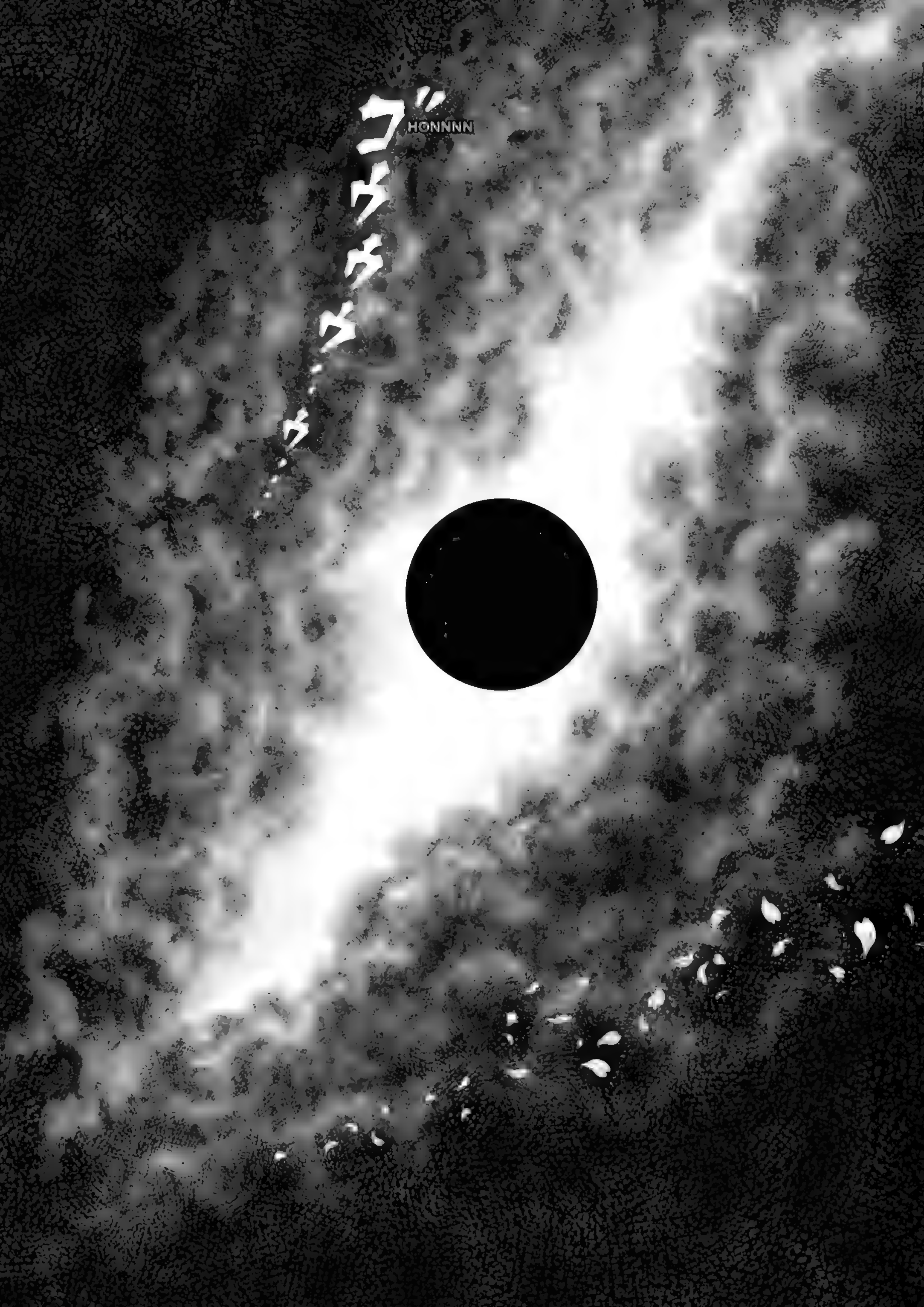

YOUR SWEET SECRET.
YOUR HONEY.
モキー
OOK
OOK
N--
NO!
THIS ISN'T ...! UM...
I'LL TELL ON YA.
ウキキ
OOK
...AND GUTS...
...AND FARNY.
I'LL SO TELL ON YA.
NO MERCY, NO HOLDS BARRED.
I'LL TELL YOUR MIS-TRESS...
D--
DON'T!
GOLEM!
WHEEL OF FLAME!
RAGH!
RAGH!
POOF ポ
POOF ポ
POOF ポ
カラ カラ
CLATA
TOK トコ
TOK トコ
SPLAT
DREAM ON.
AH!
PUT THE SQUEEZE ON YA WITH MY TAIL.
OOKA
モキャキャ
OOKA
WAHHHHHH!
LICK
ペロ ペロ
WAHHHHHH!


WAHHH...
...WAIT.
THIS IS *MY* DREAM...
!
TMP
TO THAT DOOR...!
WHAT'S UP WITH THE HONEY?
WHAT'S UP WITH THE HONEY?
KREEE
ギィィィ
POK
ポカ!
ポカ
POK
WHAT'S UP--


WHEW
YOU KNOW, LADY FARNESE, YOU'VE GOTTEN BETTER AT DOING LAUNDRY.
FLAP
FLAP
SCRUB
SCRUB
IT'S BECAUSE YOU SHOWED ME THE ROPES.
IT'S A BIG HELP FOR US ALL.
WE ARE GRATEFUL.
I SUP-POSE.
THAT'S OUR COM-MANDER FARNESE.
WELL DONE.
NOT A SINGLE STAIN.
WE ARE PROUD OF YOU.
YOUR DEDICATION IS TRULY ADMIRABLE.
YOU SET AN EXAMPLE FOR GOD'S LAMBS.
SCRUB
NO...
...I JUST HAVE A GOOD WASHING STONE.
SCRUB


THAT JUST LEAVES YOU, GUTS.
I'M IN YOUR HANDS.
UM... DOES THAT FEEL GOOD?
YEAH!
ガチ ガチ
KRUNCH
UM...
I CAN'T WASH YOU WELL IF YOU DON'T HOLD STILL.
OH, LORD!!
DON'T PRAY! YOUR HANDS ARE CLOSED.
ガチ ガチ
KRUNCH
KRUNCH
FARNESE...
!
MISTRESS, YOU'RE ONLY HALF-DRIED.
THIS IS NO TIME FOR DOING SUCH THINGS.
EH?
NOW...
...LET'S GO...
...TO CASCA'S DREAM.


THIS IS CASCA'S ...?
!?
IS THIS... ...ME ?!
THIS IS A TYPICAL DREAM OF HERS...
...WITHIN HER SHALLOW CONSCIOUSNESS.
WE'LL HAVE TO DIVE DEEPER.
THERE!
WHAT ARE THOSE PETALS?
THOSE ARE DANANN'S GUIDANCE.
IF WE FOLLOW THEM...
...THEN SURELY...


ゴウウウ…ウ…
HONNNN

BERSERK

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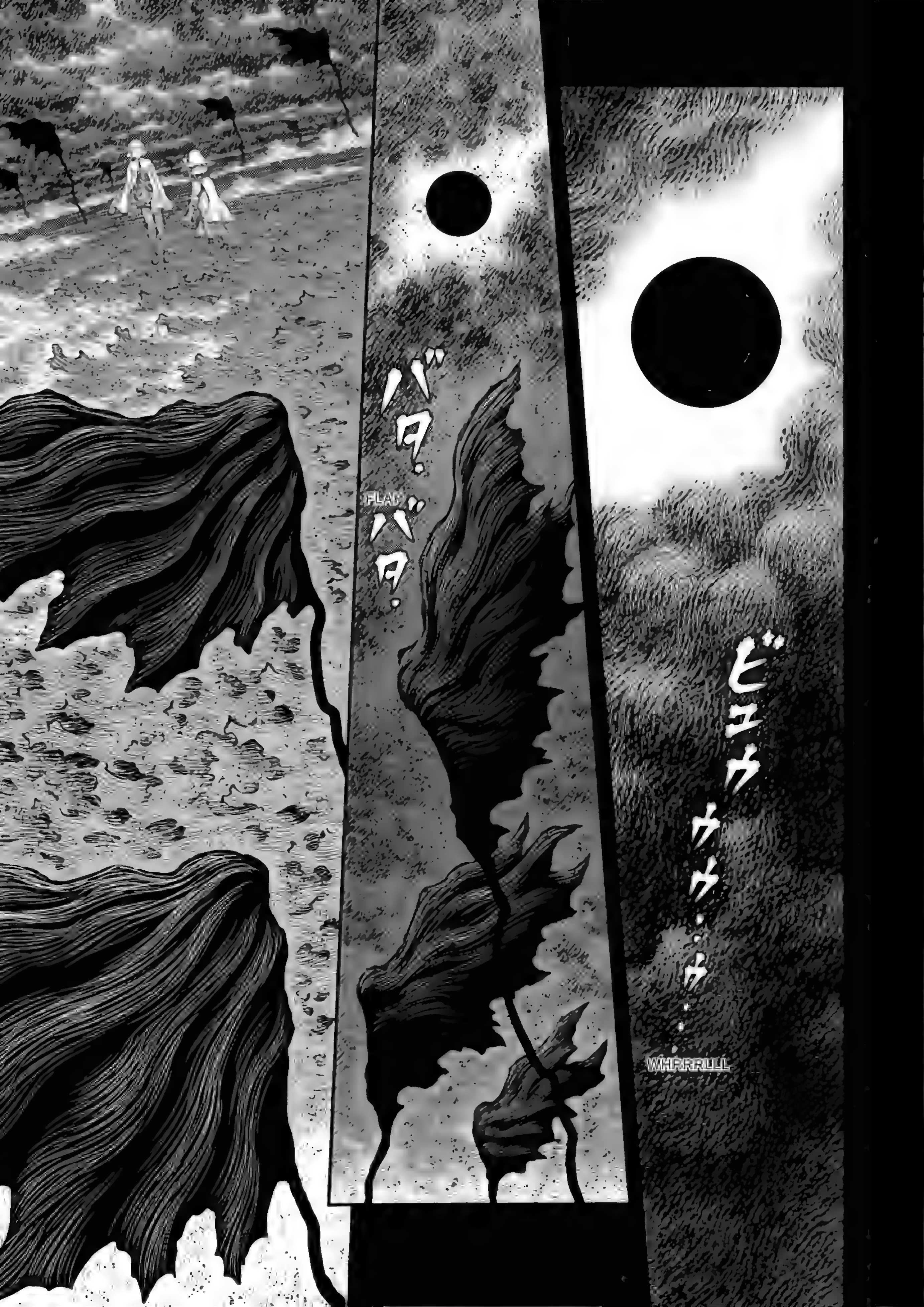
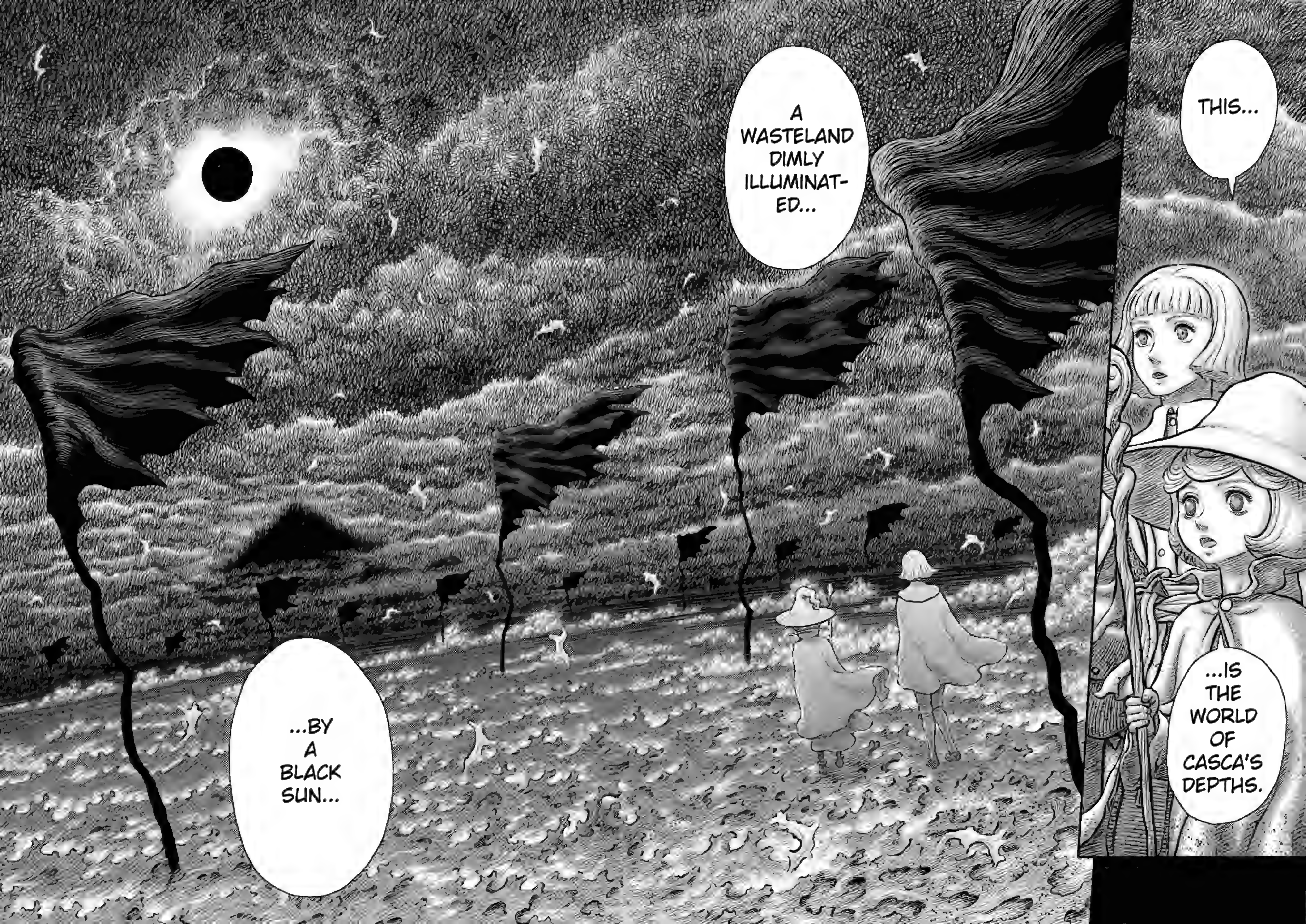
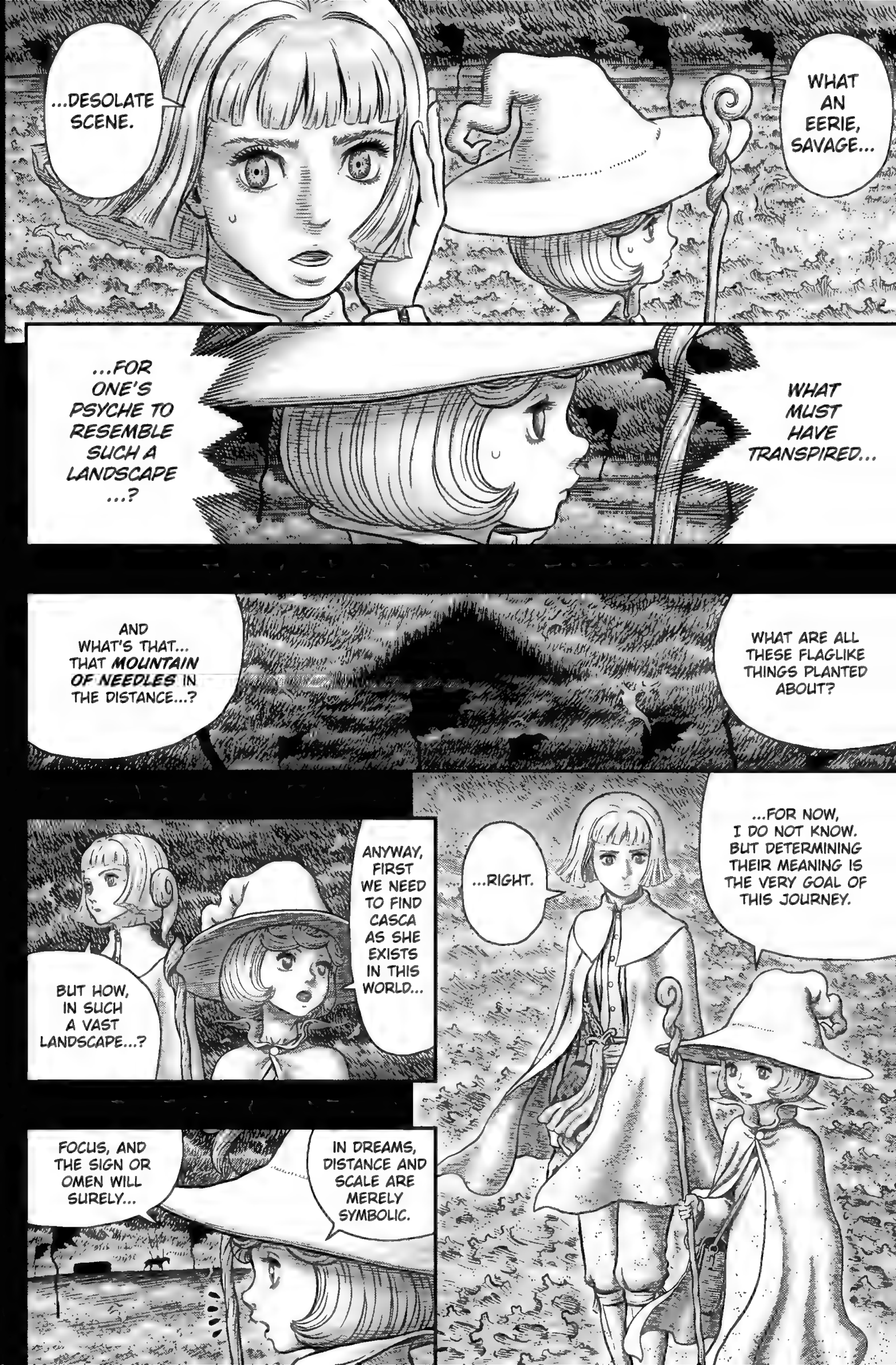
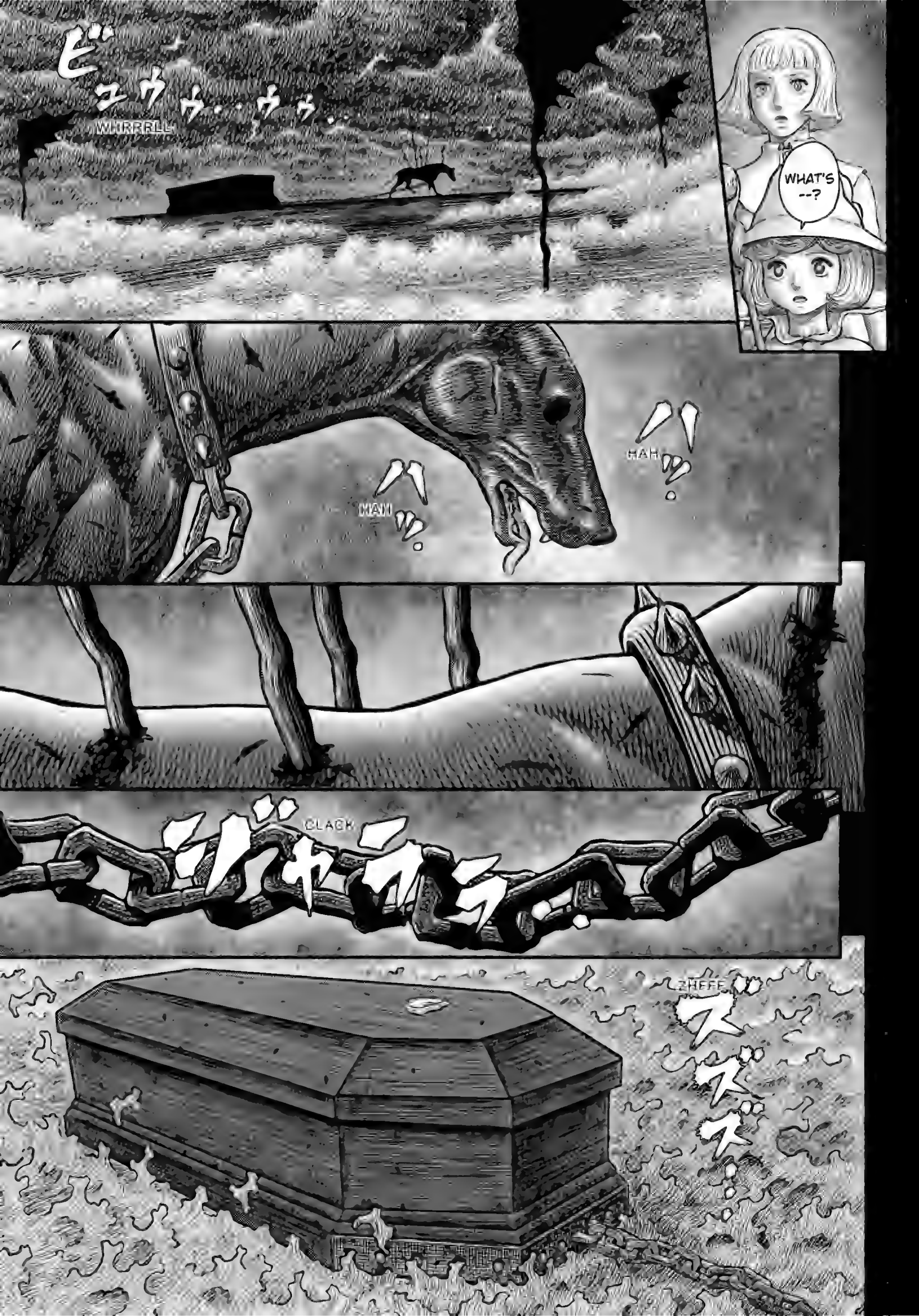
薄闇（うすくらがり）の荒野

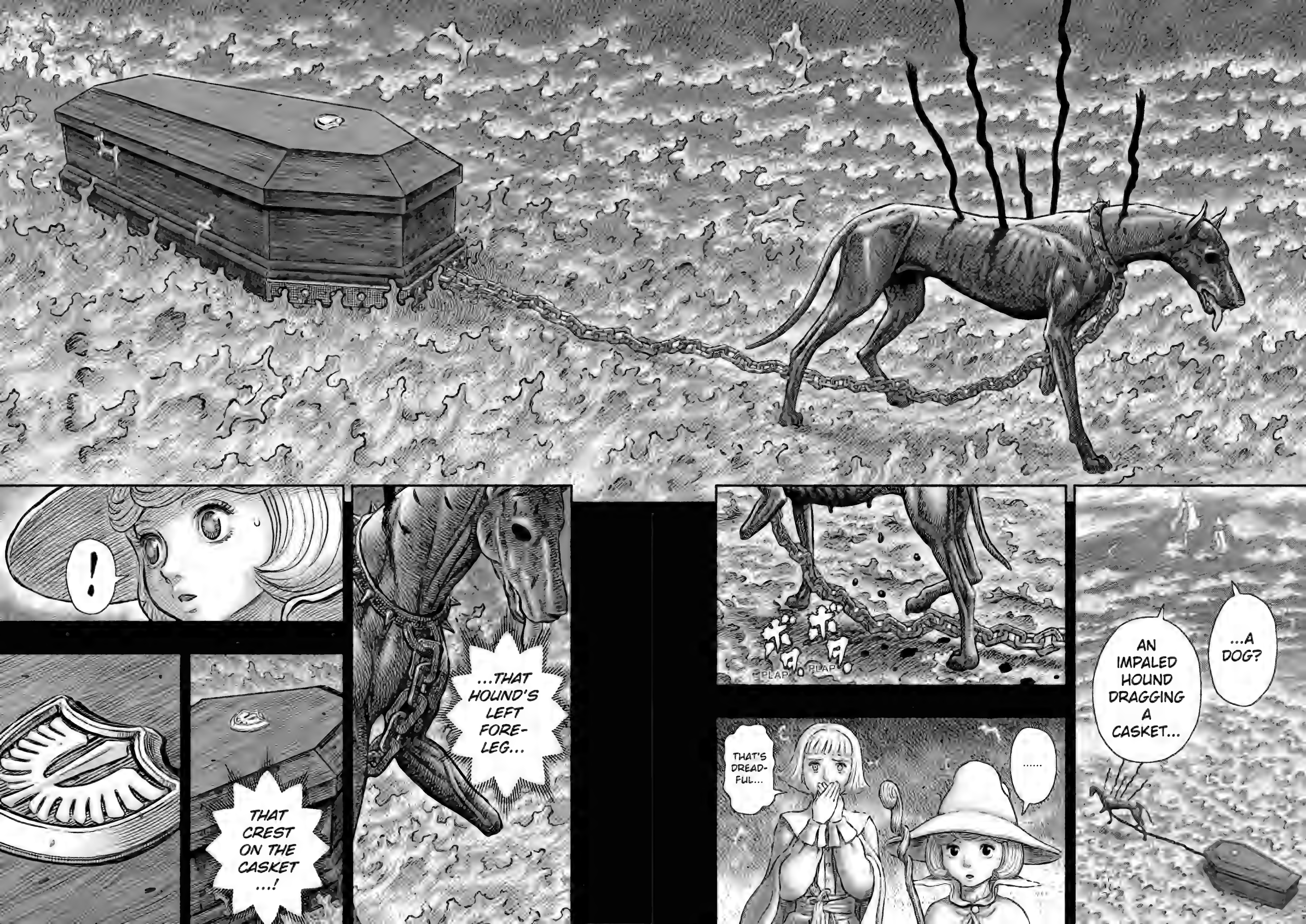
DIMLY LIT WASTELAND

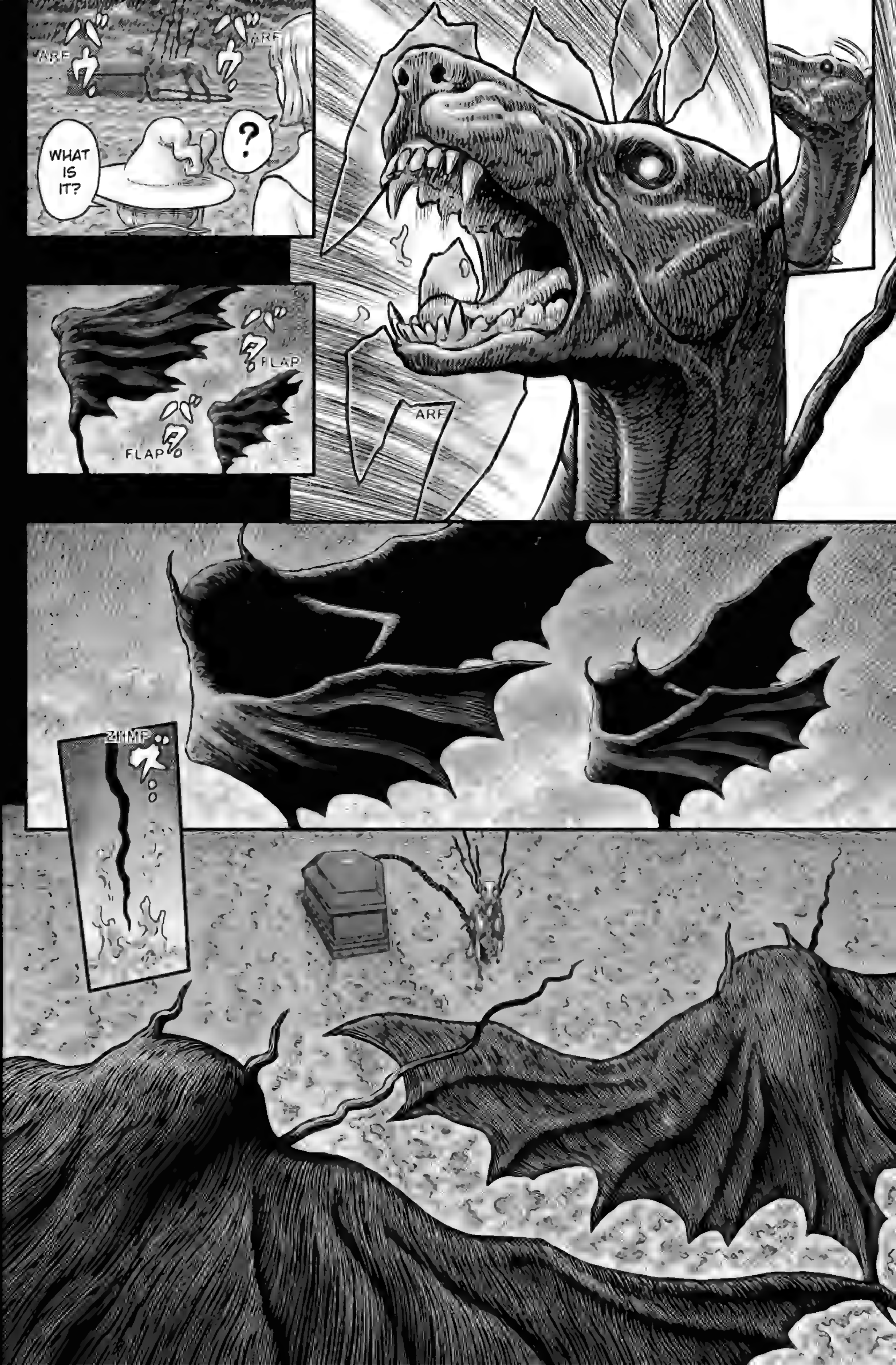

ビュウウウ…ウ…
WHRRRLL
バタ。バタ。
FLAP

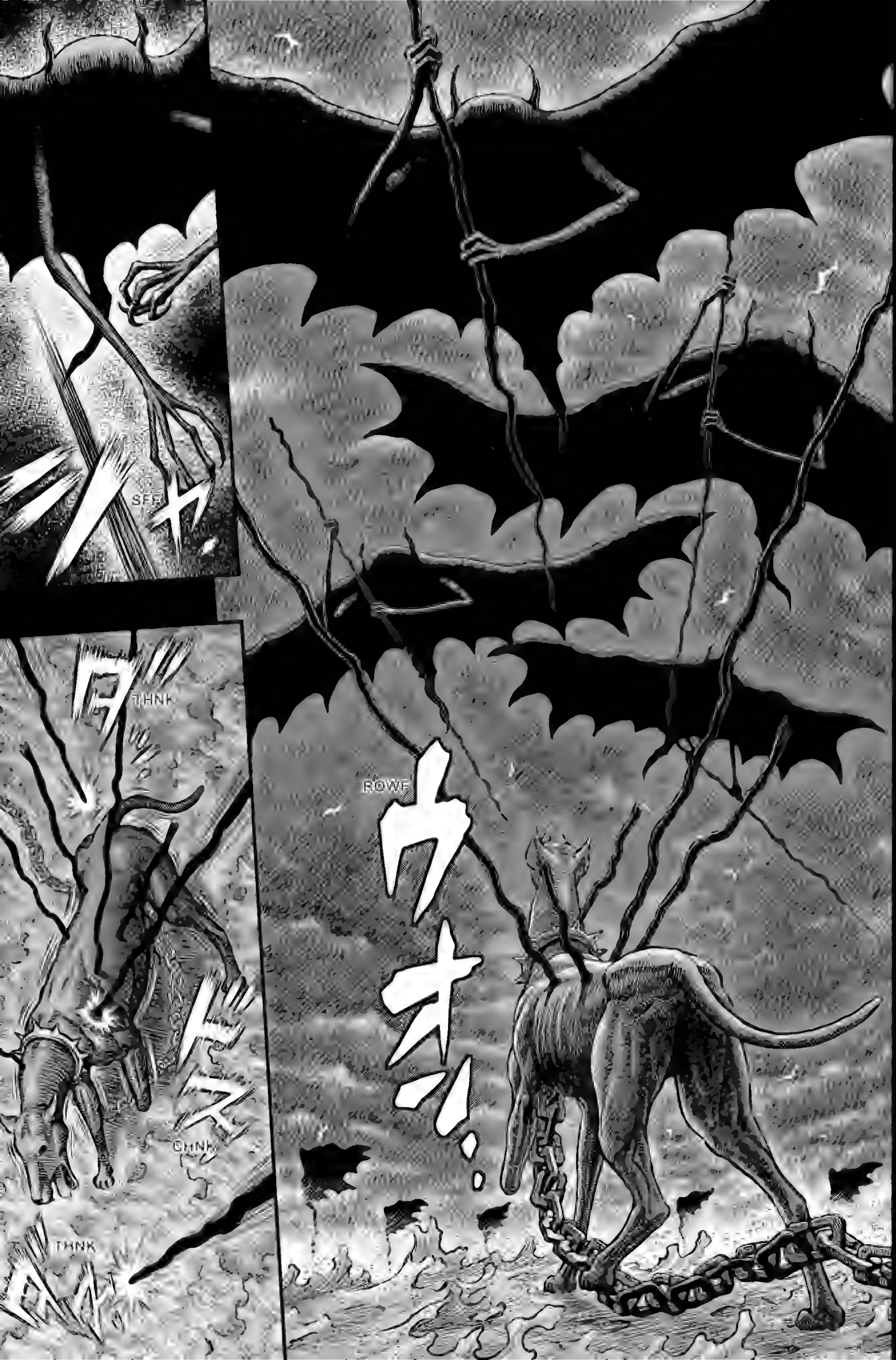

THIS...
A WASTELAND DIMLY ILLUMINATED...
...BY A BLACK SUN...
...IS THE WORLD OF CASCA'S DEPTHS.

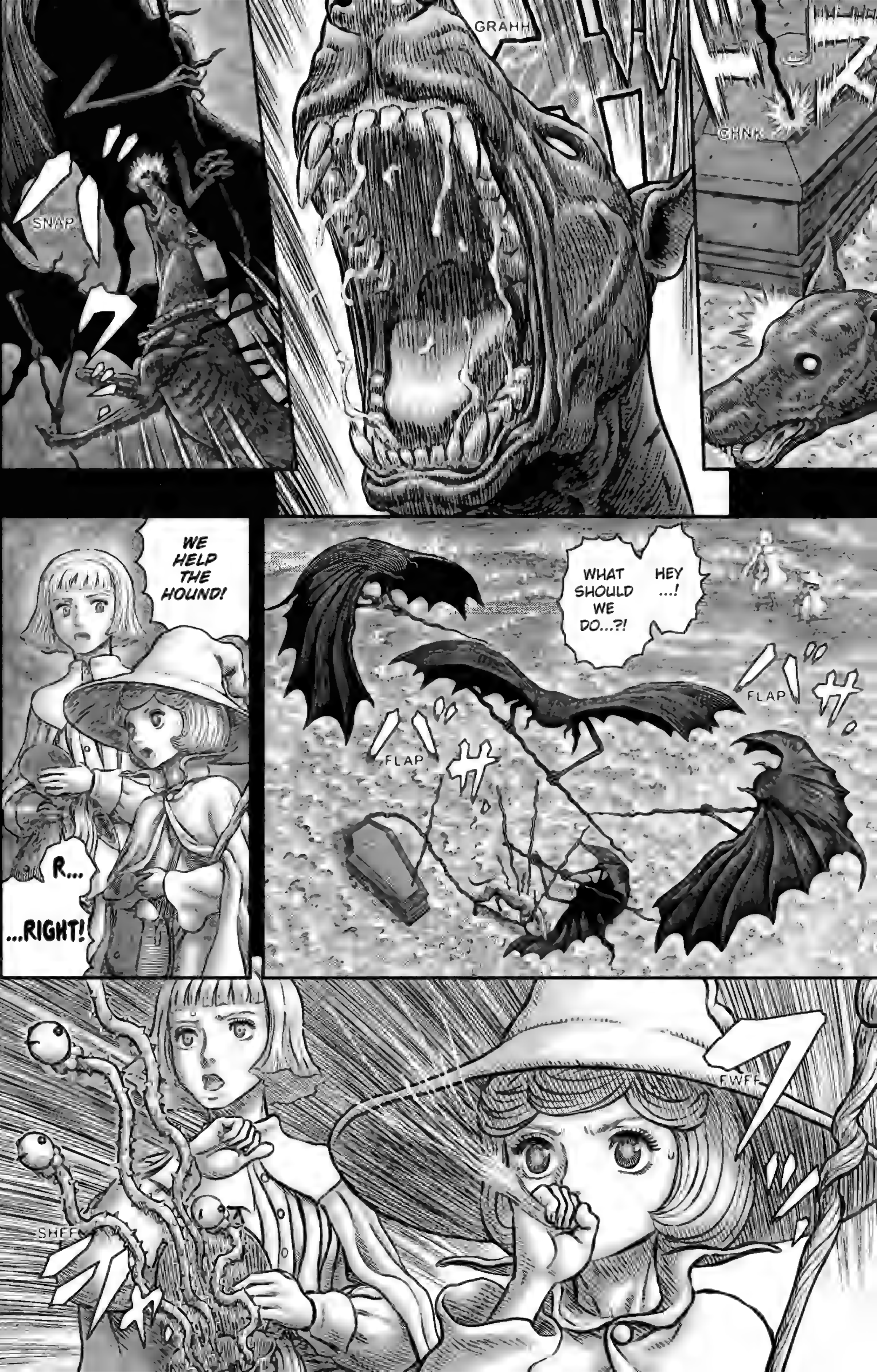

WHAT AN EERIE, SAVAGE...
...DESOLATE SCENE.
WHAT MUST HAVE TRANSPIRED...
...FOR ONE'S PSYCHE TO RESEMBLE SUCH A LANDSCAPE ...?
WHAT ARE ALL THESE FLAGLIKE THINGS PLANTED ABOUT?
AND WHAT'S THAT... THAT ***MOUNTAIN OF NEEDLES*** IN THE DISTANCE...?
...FOR NOW, I DO NOT KNOW. BUT DETERMINING THEIR MEANING IS THE VERY GOAL OF THIS JOURNEY.
...RIGHT.
ANYWAY, FIRST WE NEED TO FIND CASCA AS SHE EXISTS IN THIS WORLD...
BUT HOW, IN SUCH A VAST LANDSCAPE...?
IN DREAMS, DISTANCE AND SCALE ARE MERELY SYMBOLIC.
FOCUS, AND THE SIGN OR OMEN WILL SURELY...

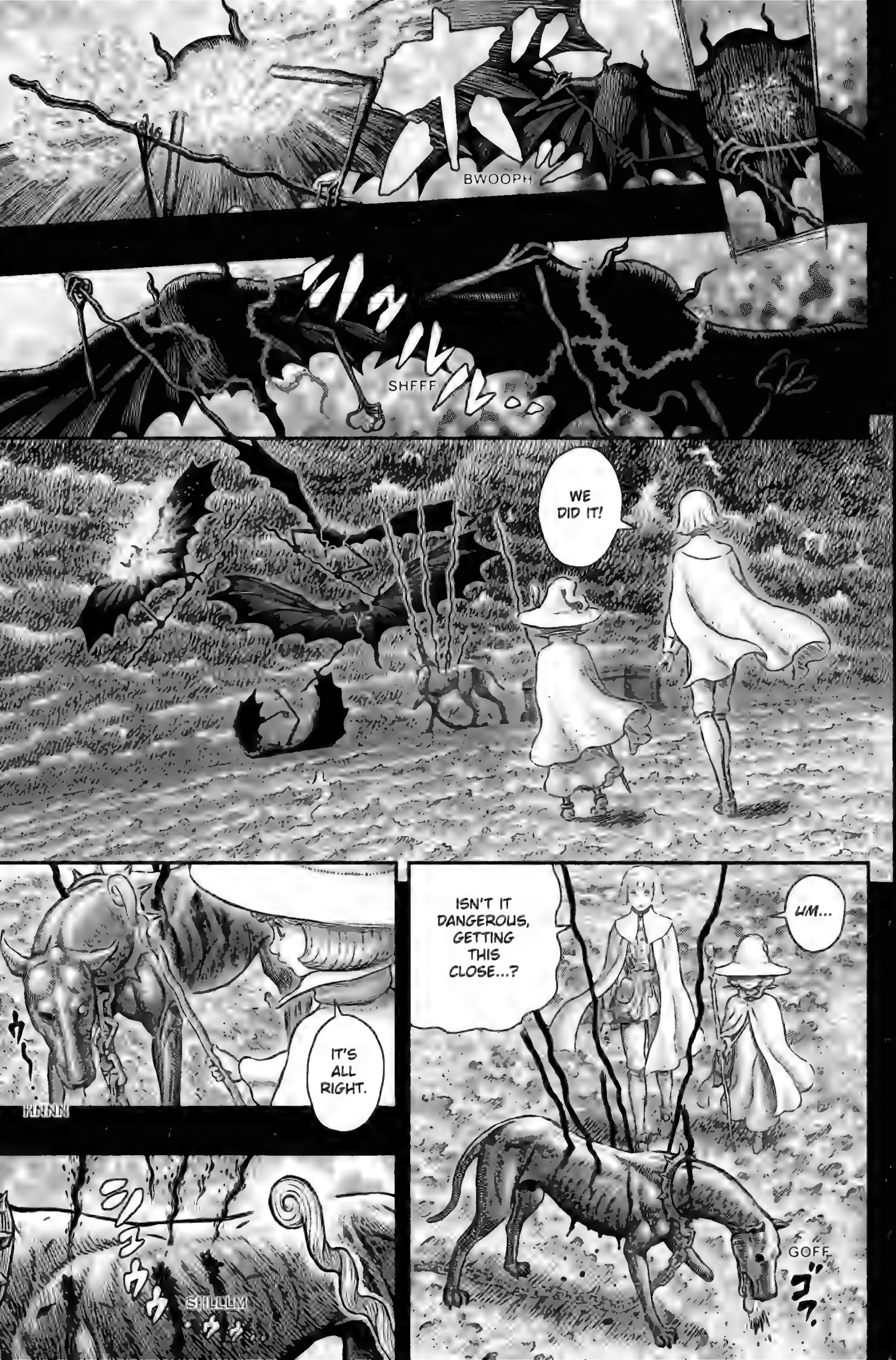

WHAT'S --?
ビュウウ・・ウウ・・
WHIRRRLL
ハッ
HAH
ハッ
HAH
ジャラ・
CLACK
ズズズ・・
ZHFFF

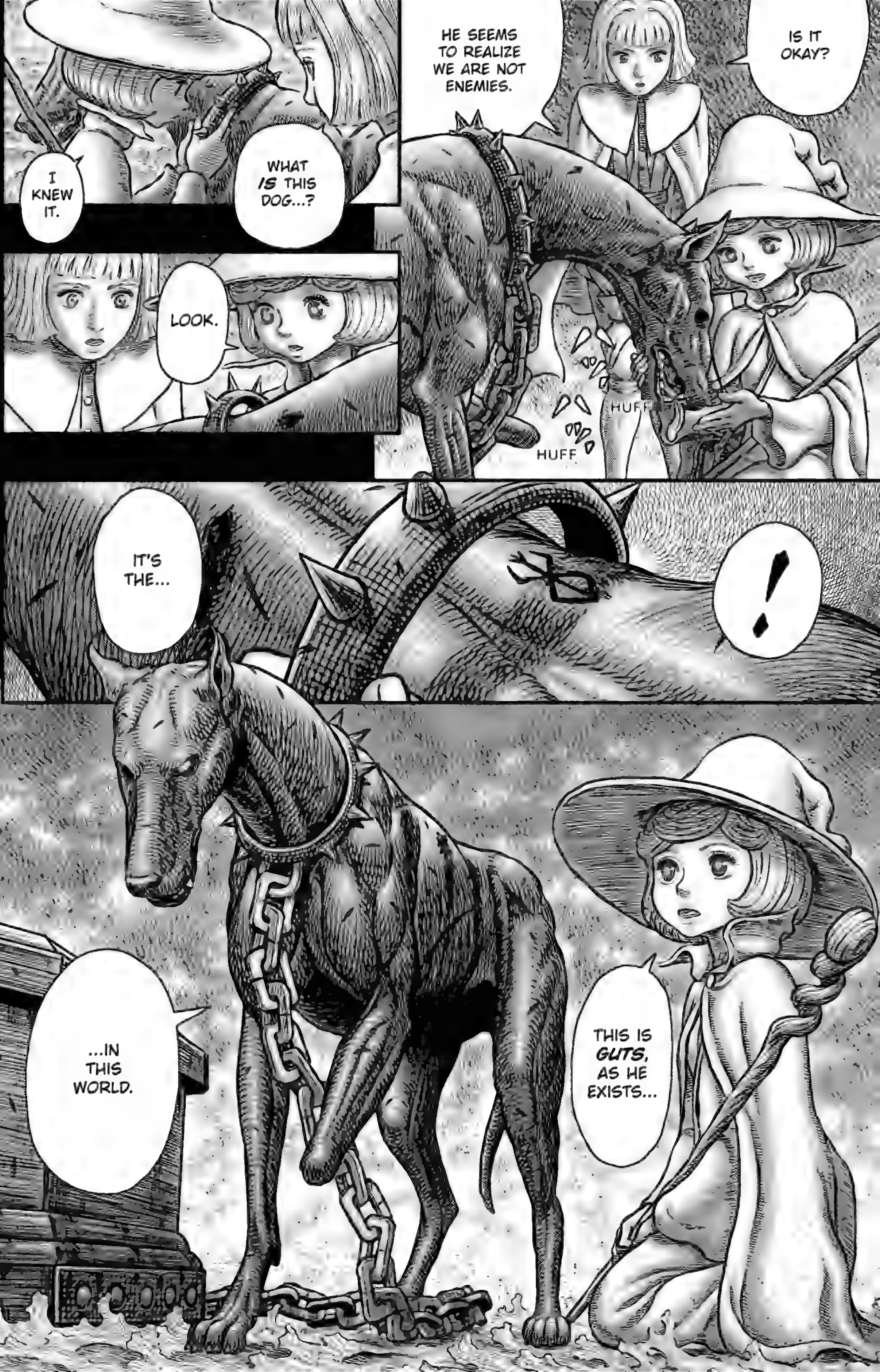

...A DOG?
AN IMPALED HOUND DRAGGING A CASKET...
ボタ ボタ
FLAP FLAP
......
THAT'S DREADFUL...
...THAT HOUND'S LEFT FORELEG...
!
THAT CREST ON THE CASKET...!

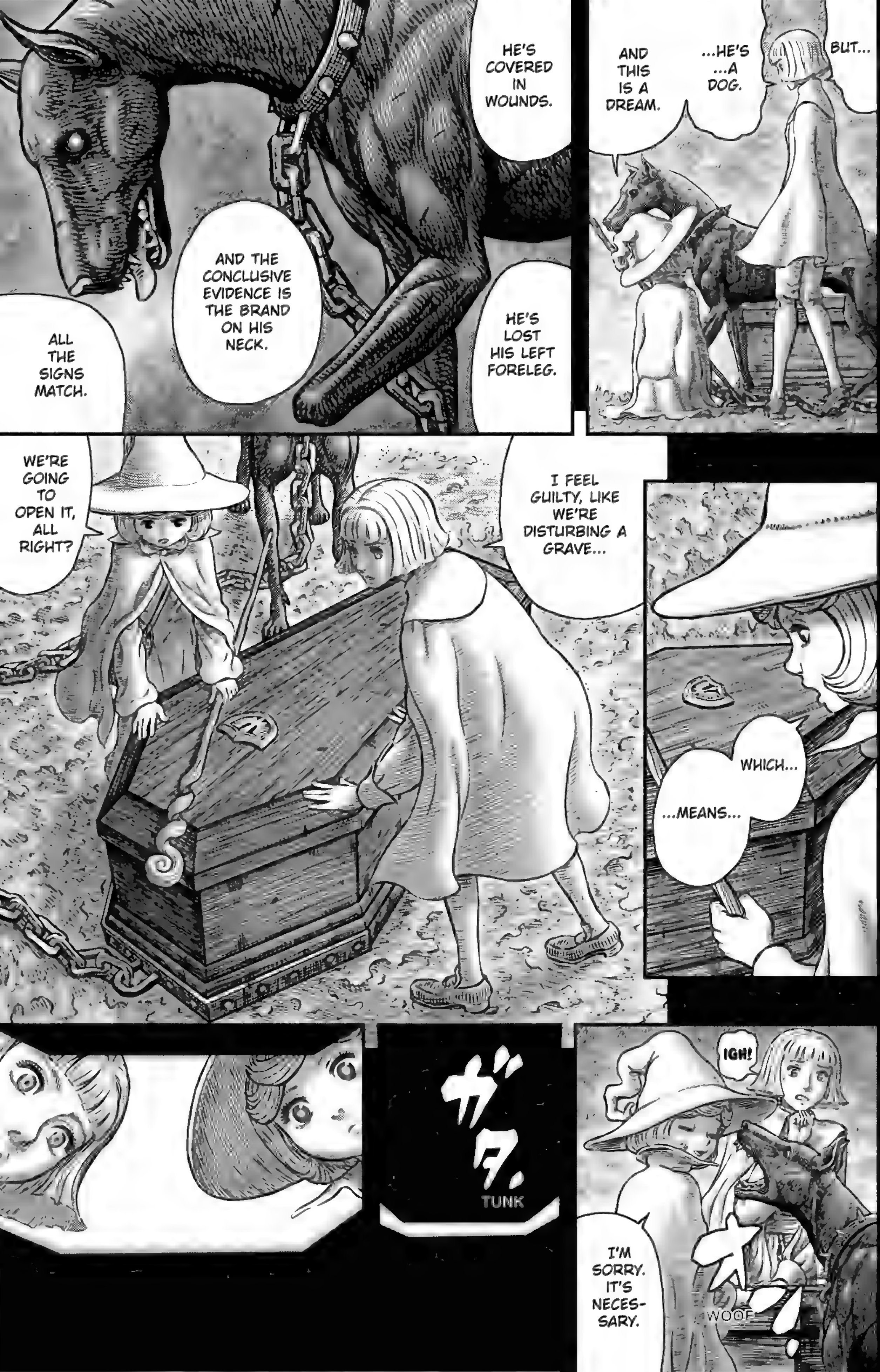

ARF
ARF
ARF
?
WHAT IS IT?
FLAP
FLAP
ZHMP

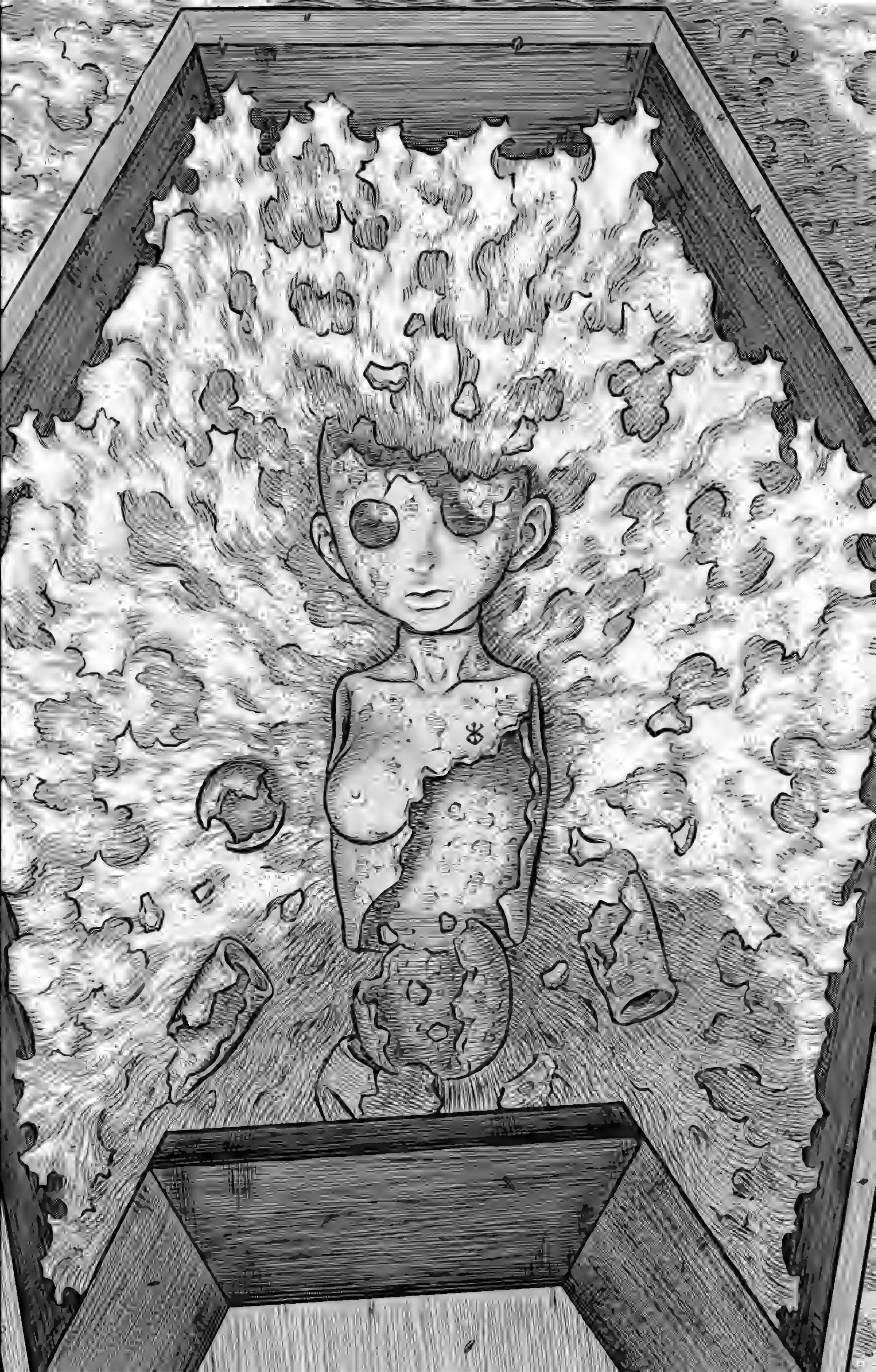

ウオオ…
ROWF
SFR
ダッ
THNK
ドドス
CHNK
ダッ
THNK

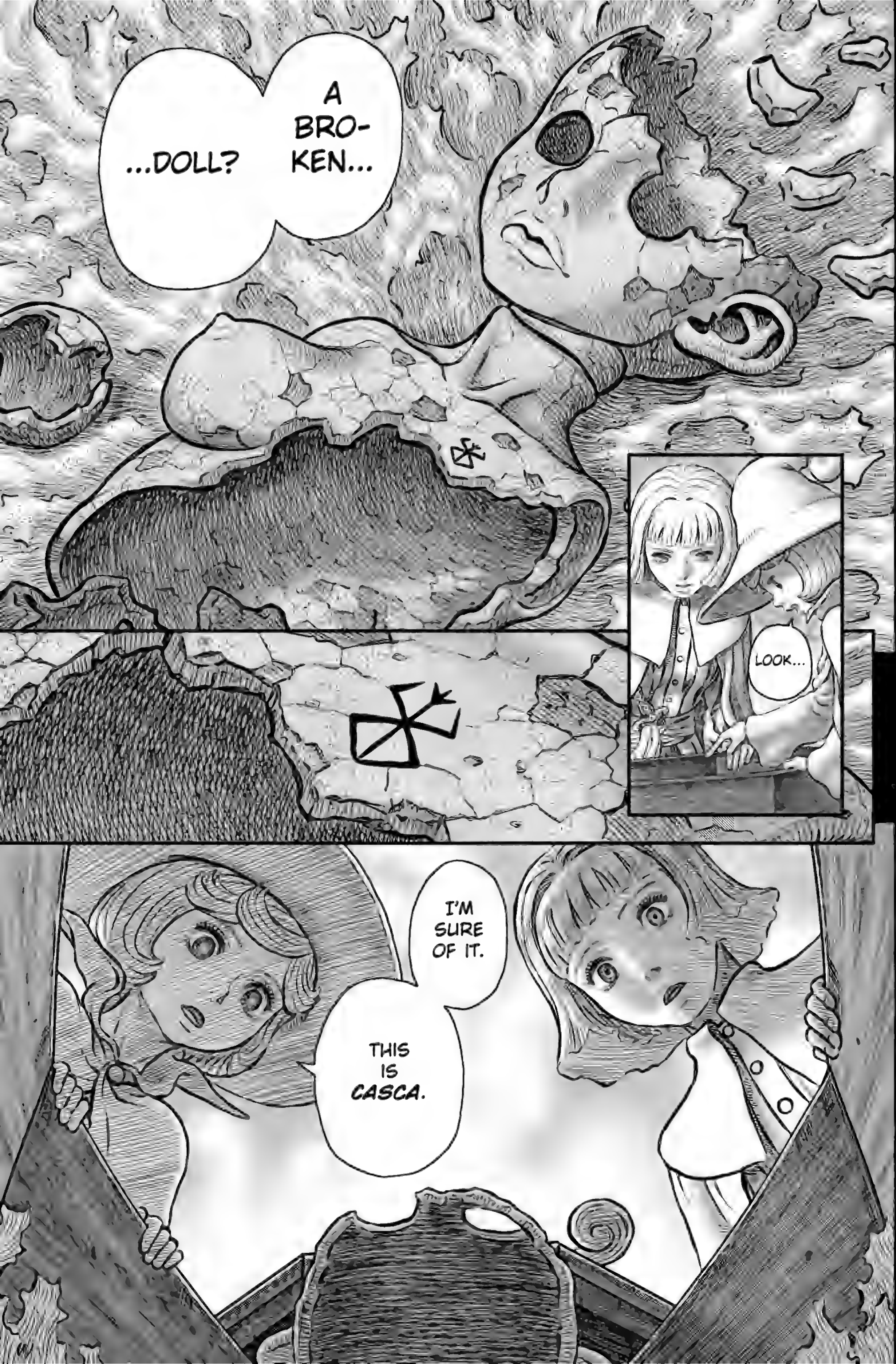

GHNK
GRAHH
SNAP
HEY ...!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO...?!
FLAP
FLAP
WE HELP THE HOUND!
R...
...RIGHT!
FWFF
SHFF

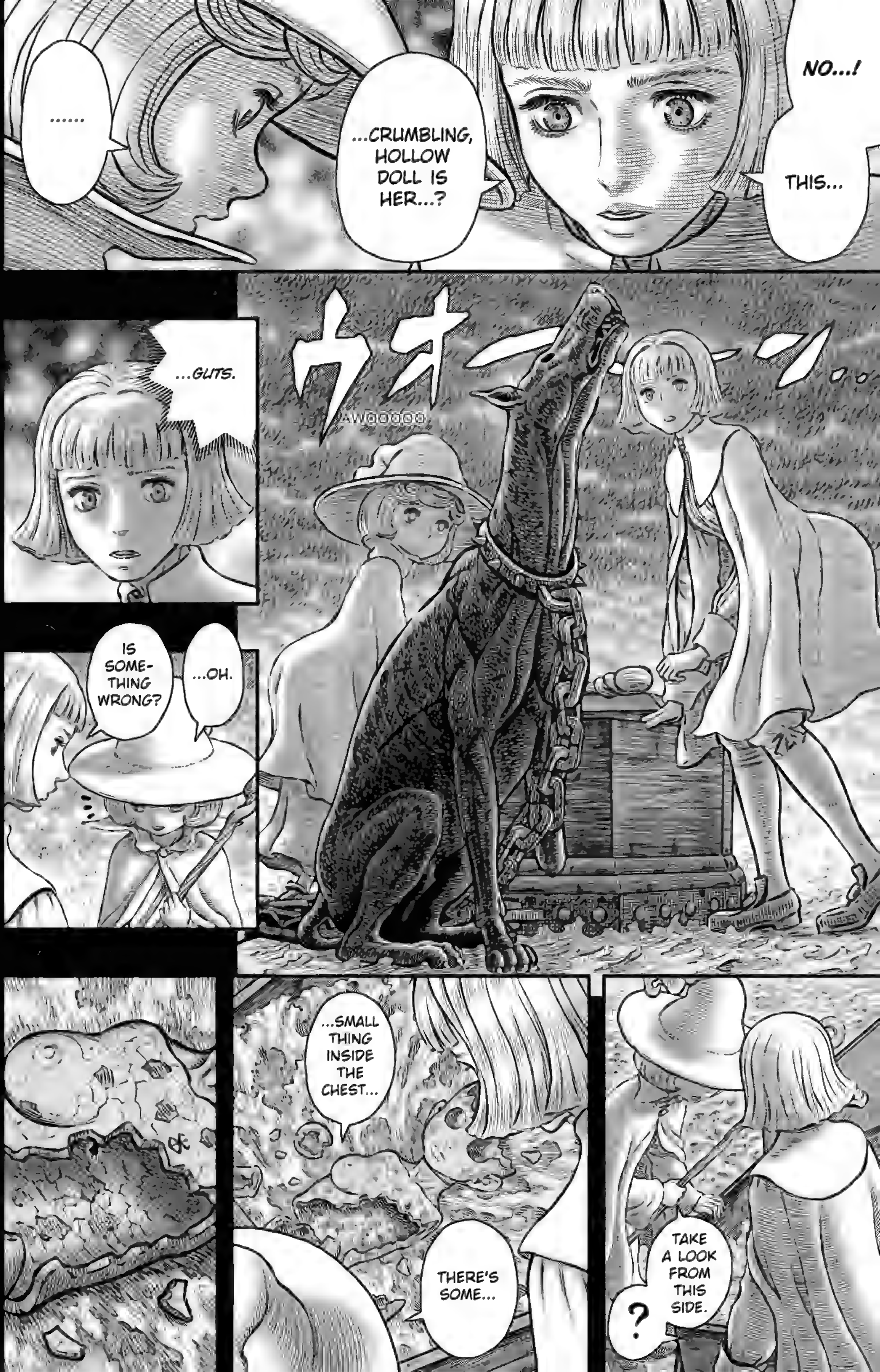

BWOOPH
SHFFF
WE DID IT!
UM...
ISN'T IT DANGEROUS, GETTING THIS CLOSE...?
GOFF
ゴフ
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
ウー
KNNN
シュウウ
SHLLLM
ウォ...

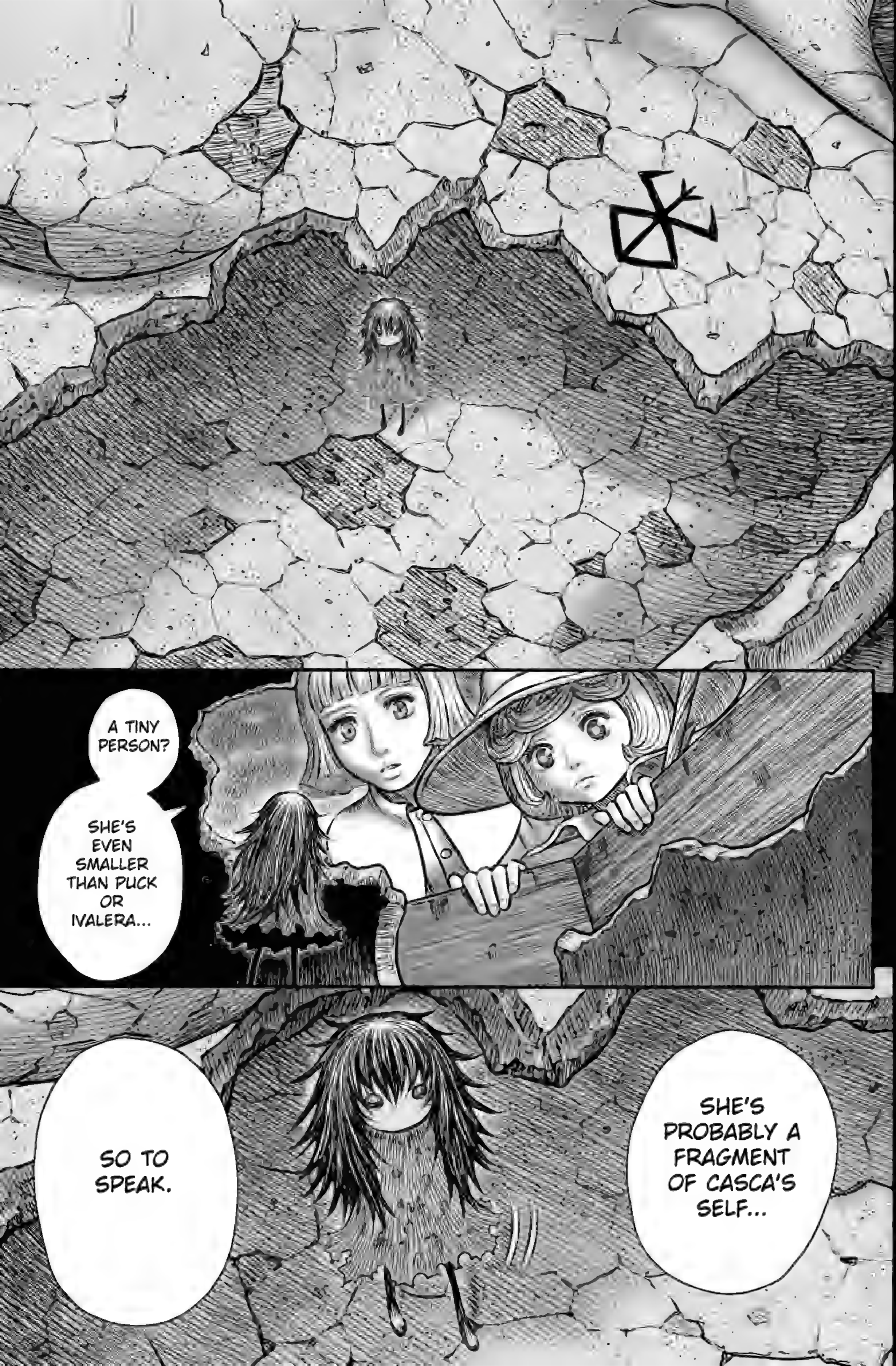

IS IT OKAY?
HE SEEMS TO REALIZE WE ARE NOT ENEMIES.
WHAT *IS* THIS DOG...?
I KNEW IT.
LOOK.
HUFF
HUFF
!
IT'S THE...
THIS IS ***GUTS***, AS HE EXISTS...
...IN THIS WORLD.

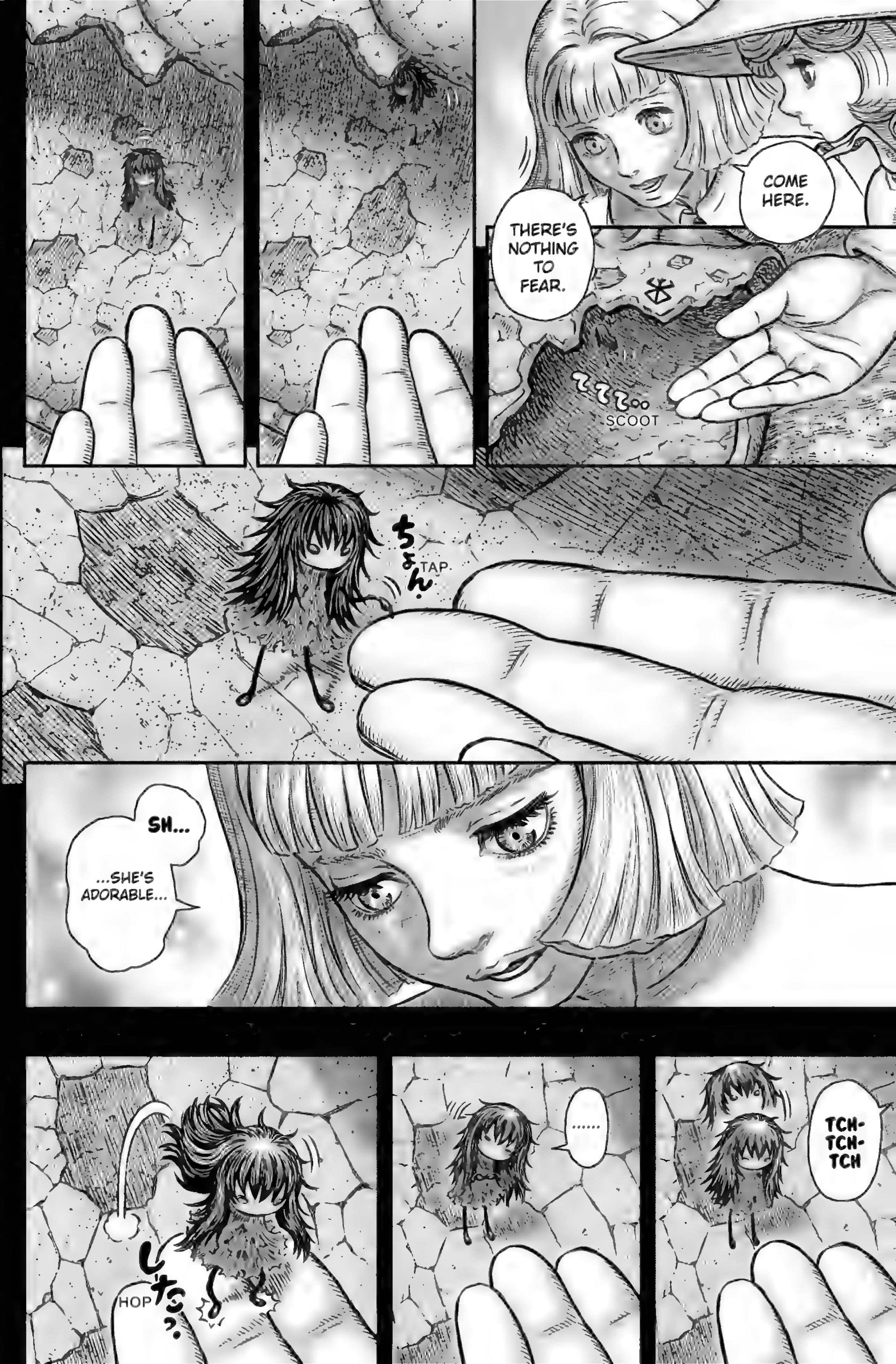

BUT...
...HE'S ...A DOG.
AND THIS IS A DREAM.
HE'S COVERED IN WOUNDS.
HE'S LOST HIS LEFT FORELEG.
AND THE CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE IS THE BRAND ON HIS NECK.
ALL THE SIGNS MATCH.
WHICH...
...MEANS...
I FEEL GUILTY, LIKE WE'RE DISTURBING A GRAVE...
WE'RE GOING TO OPEN IT, ALL RIGHT?
IGH!
I'M SORRY. IT'S NECESSARY.
WOOF
ガタ.
TUNK

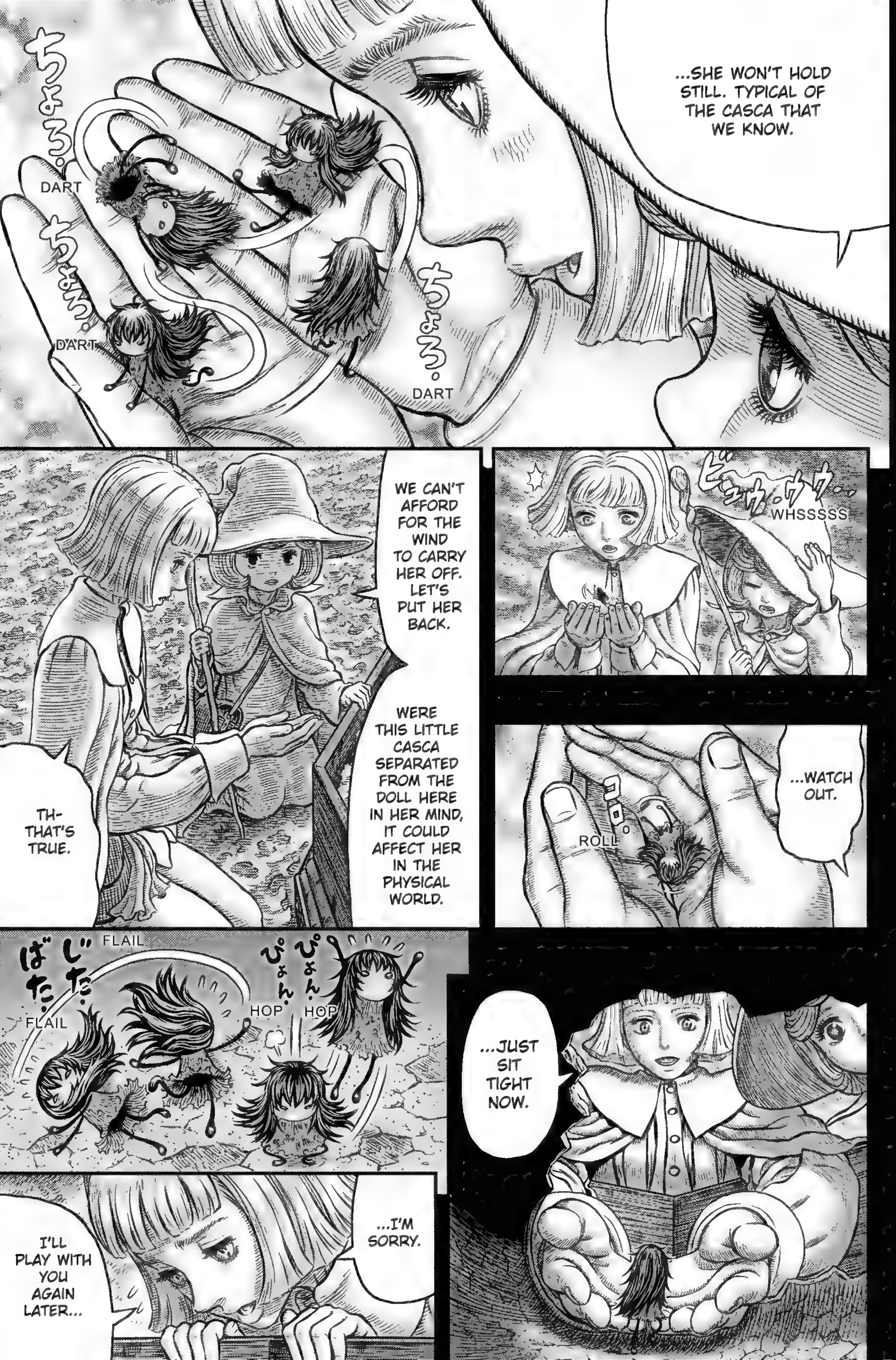


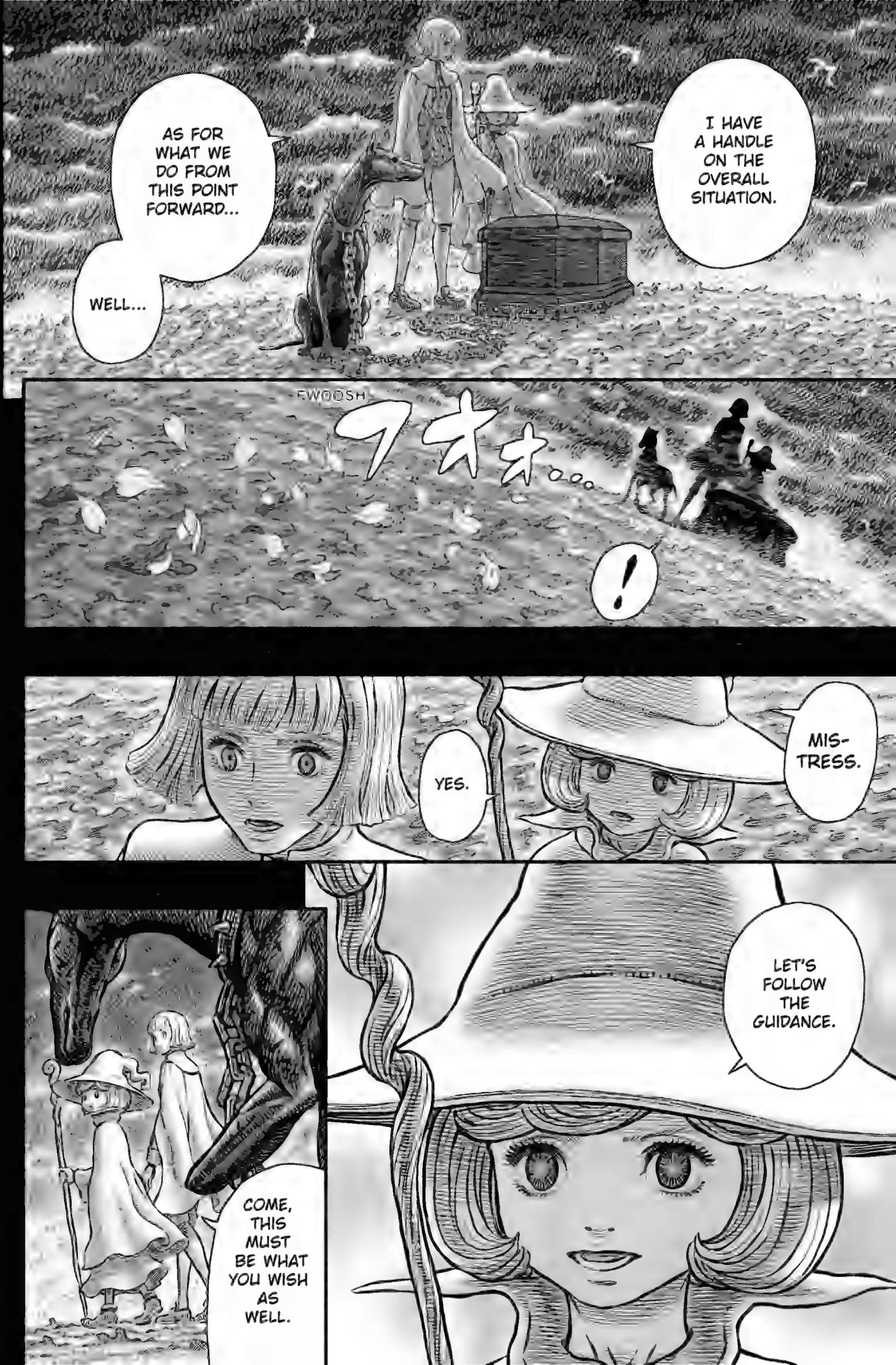

A BROKEN...
...DOLL?
LOOK...
I'M SURE OF IT.
THIS IS *CASCA*.

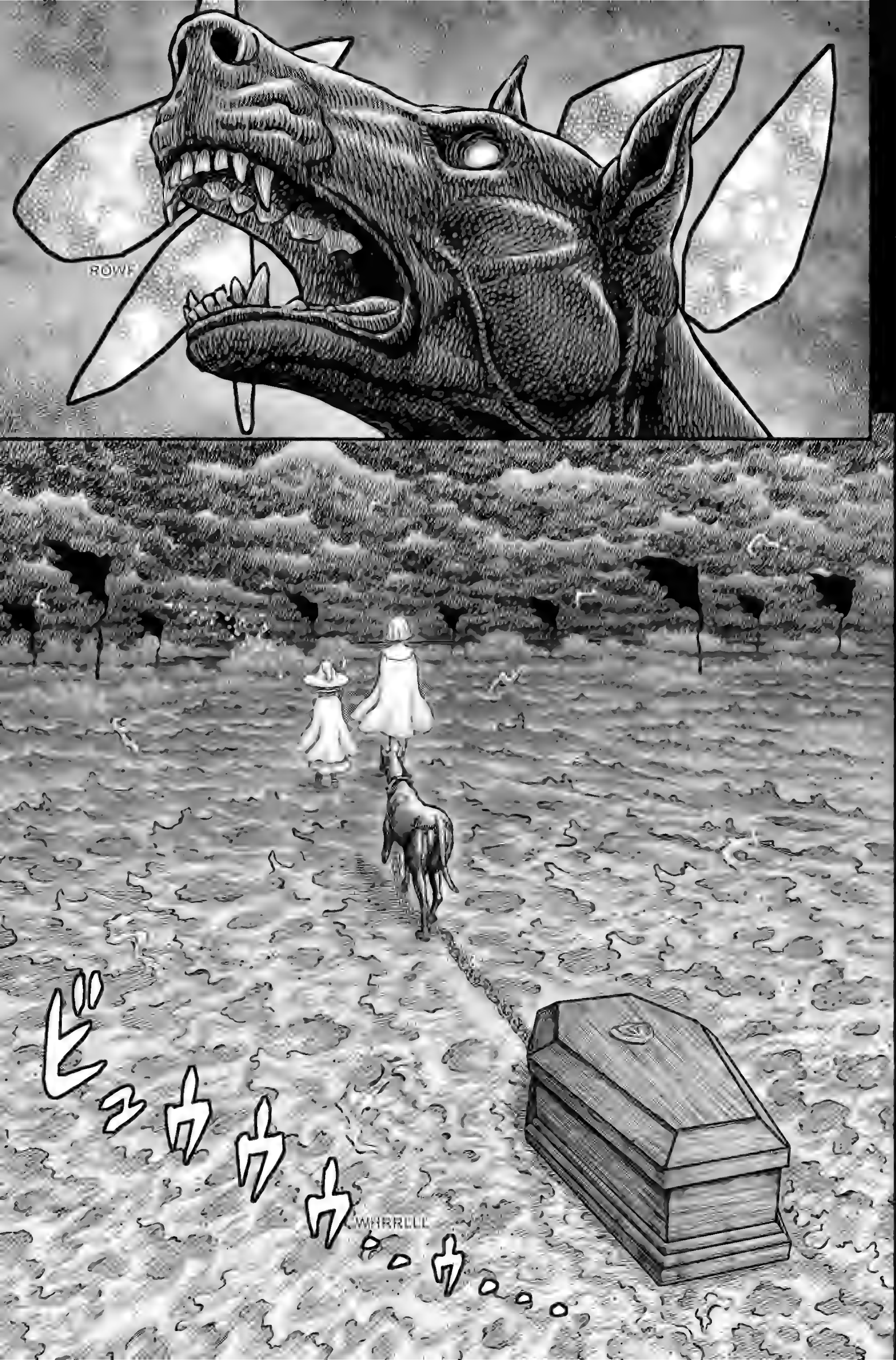

NO...!
THIS...
...CRUMBLING, HOLLOW DOLL IS HER...?
......
ウオーーン...
AWOOOOO
...GUTS.
...OH.
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
TAKE A LOOK FROM THIS SIDE.
?
THERE'S SOME...
...SMALL THING INSIDE THE CHEST...


A TINY PERSON?
SHE'S EVEN SMALLER THAN PUCK OR IVALERA...
SHE'S PROBABLY A FRAGMENT OF CASCA'S SELF...
SO TO SPEAK.


COME HERE.
THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR.
ズズズ..
SCOOT
ちょん
TAP
SH...
...SHE'S ADORABLE...
TCH-TCH-TCH
......
しゅたっ
HOP


...SHE WON'T HOLD STILL. TYPICAL OF THE CASCA THAT WE KNOW.
ちょろ。
DART
ちょろ。
DART
ちょろ。
DART
ビュゥゥゥ…
WHSSSSS
コロ。
ROLL
...WATCH OUT.
WE CAN'T AFFORD FOR THE WIND TO CARRY HER OFF. LET'S PUT HER BACK.
WERE THIS LITTLE CASCA SEPARATED FROM THE DOLL HERE IN HER MIND, IT COULD AFFECT HER IN THE PHYSICAL WORLD.
TH-THAT'S TRUE.
...JUST SIT TIGHT NOW.
ぴょん。ぴょん。
HOP
HOP
じた。ばた。
FLAIL
FLAIL
...I'M SORRY.
I'LL PLAY WITH YOU AGAIN LATER...


I HAVE A HANDLE ON THE OVERALL SITUATION.
AS FOR WHAT WE DO FROM THIS POINT FORWARD...
WELL...
FWOOSH
フオオ...
!
MISTRESS.
YES.
LET'S FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE.
COME, THIS MUST BE WHAT YOU WISH AS WELL.


ROWF
ビュウウウ。。ウ。。。
WHRRLLL

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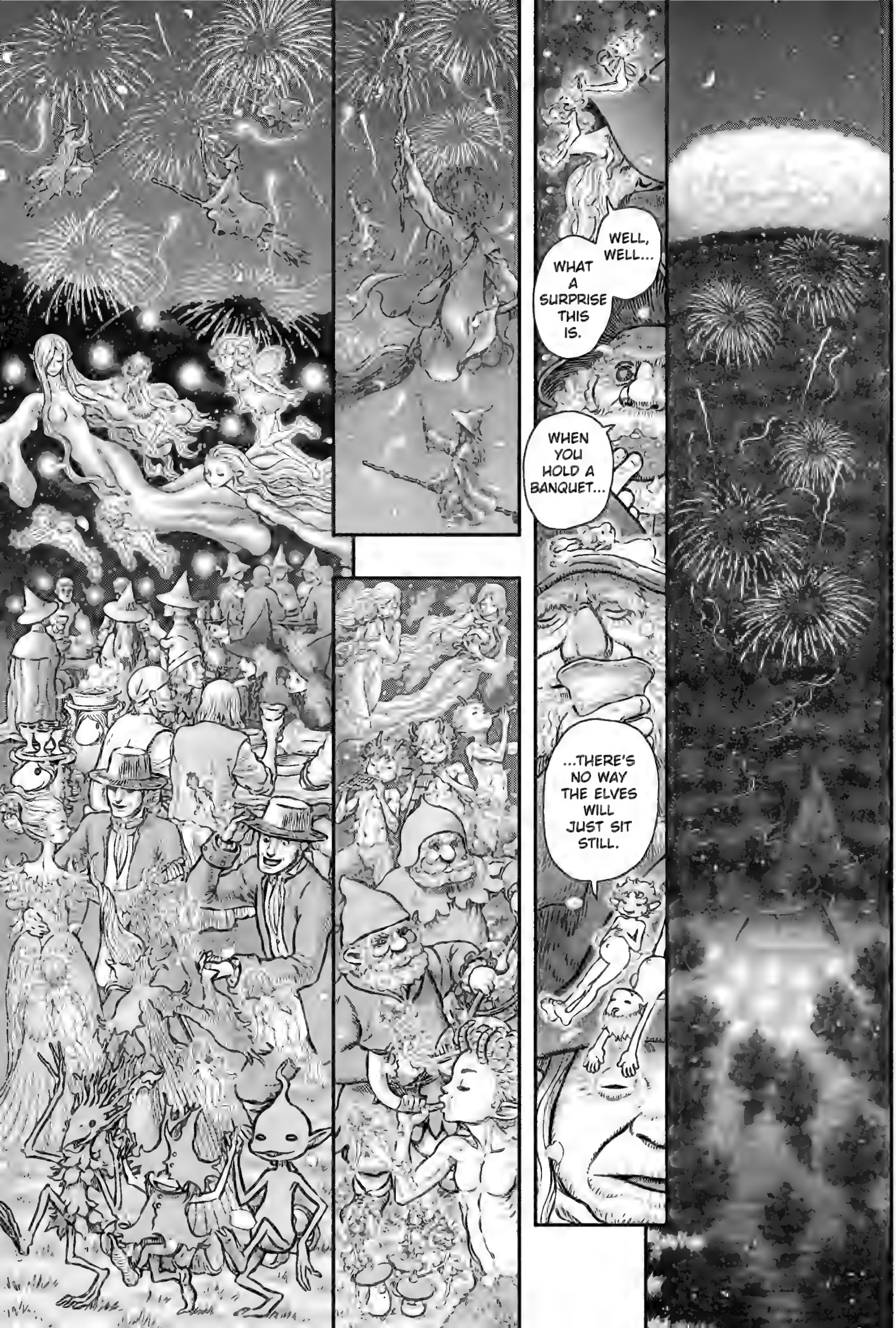
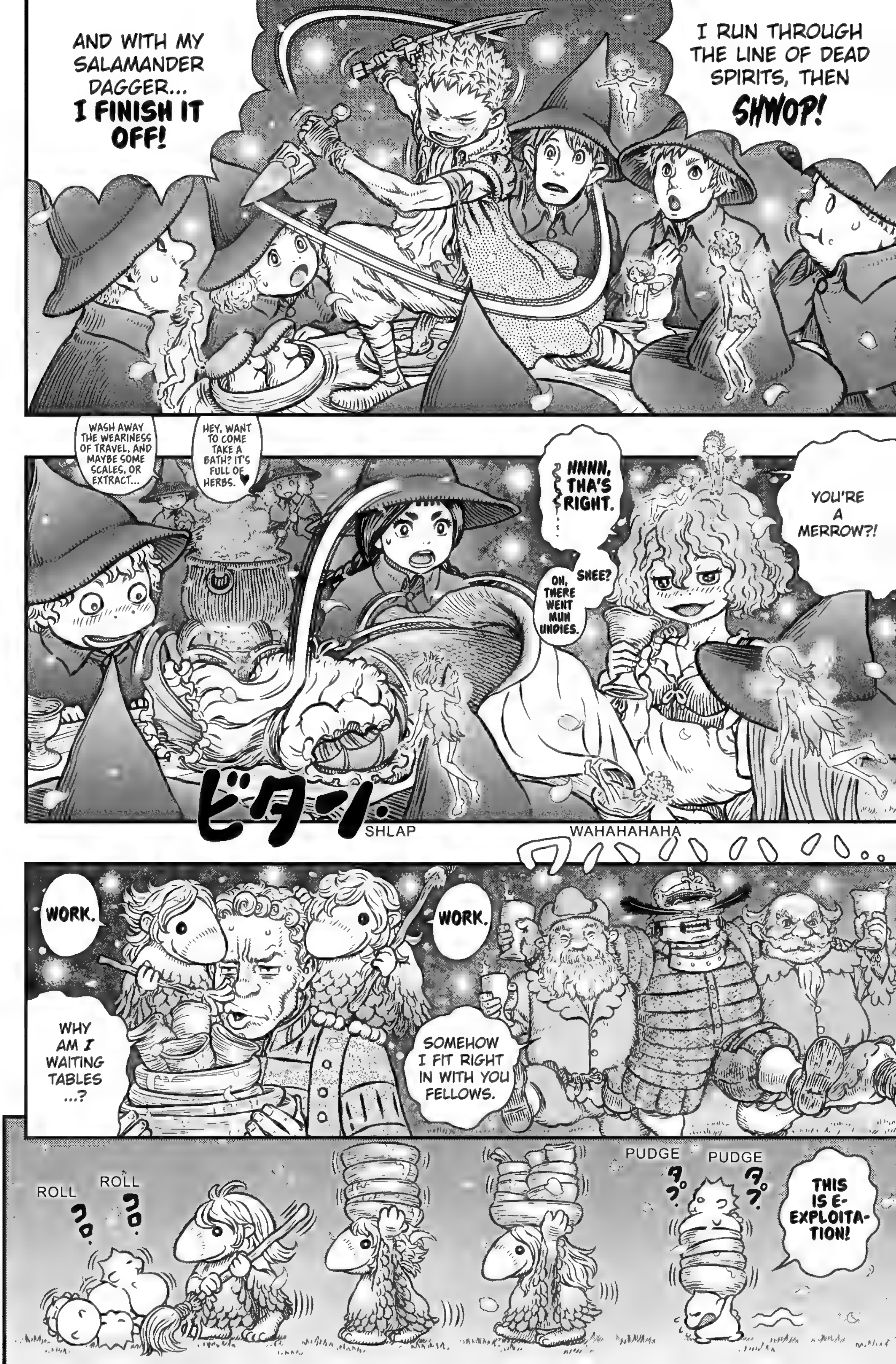
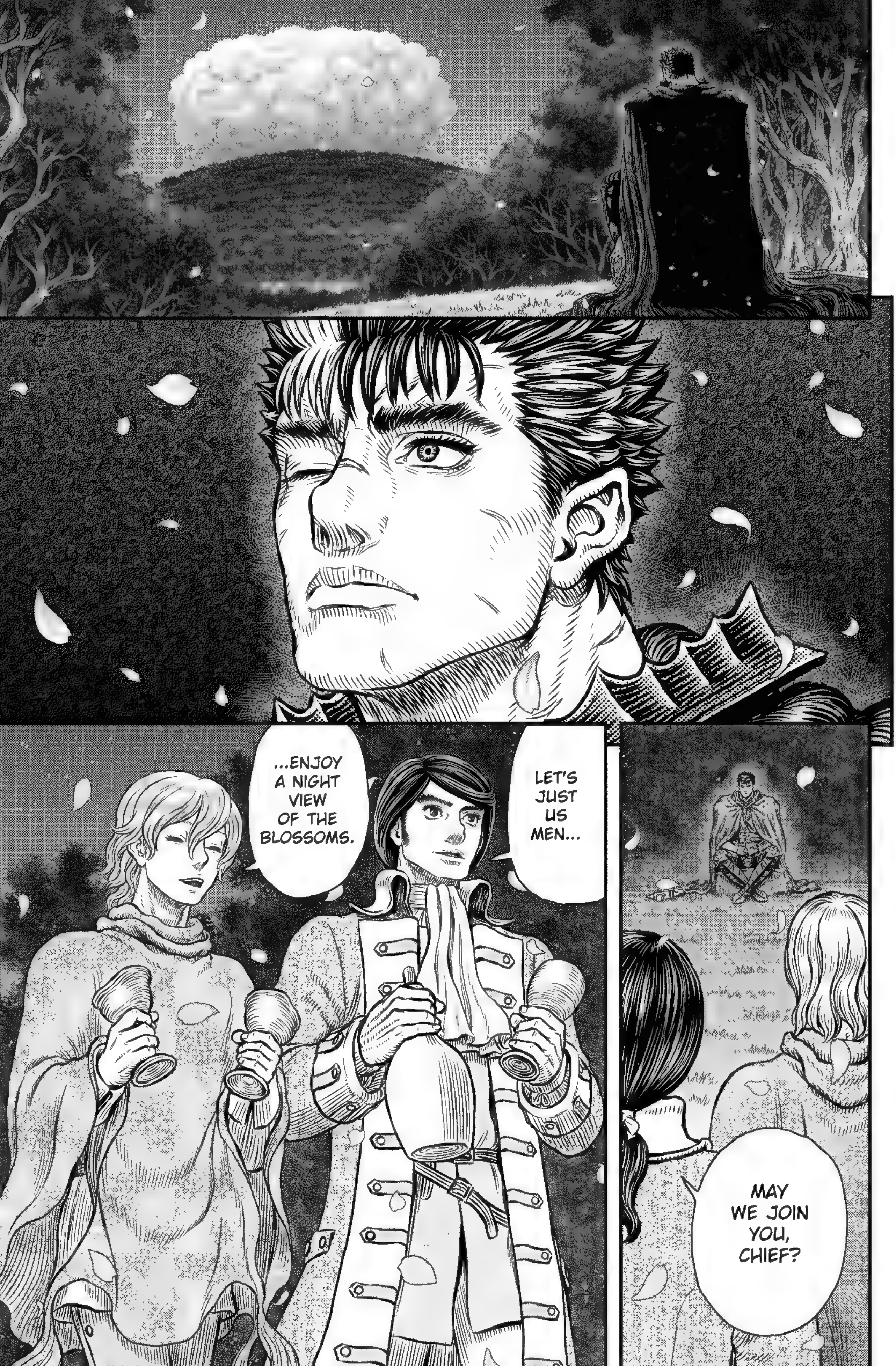
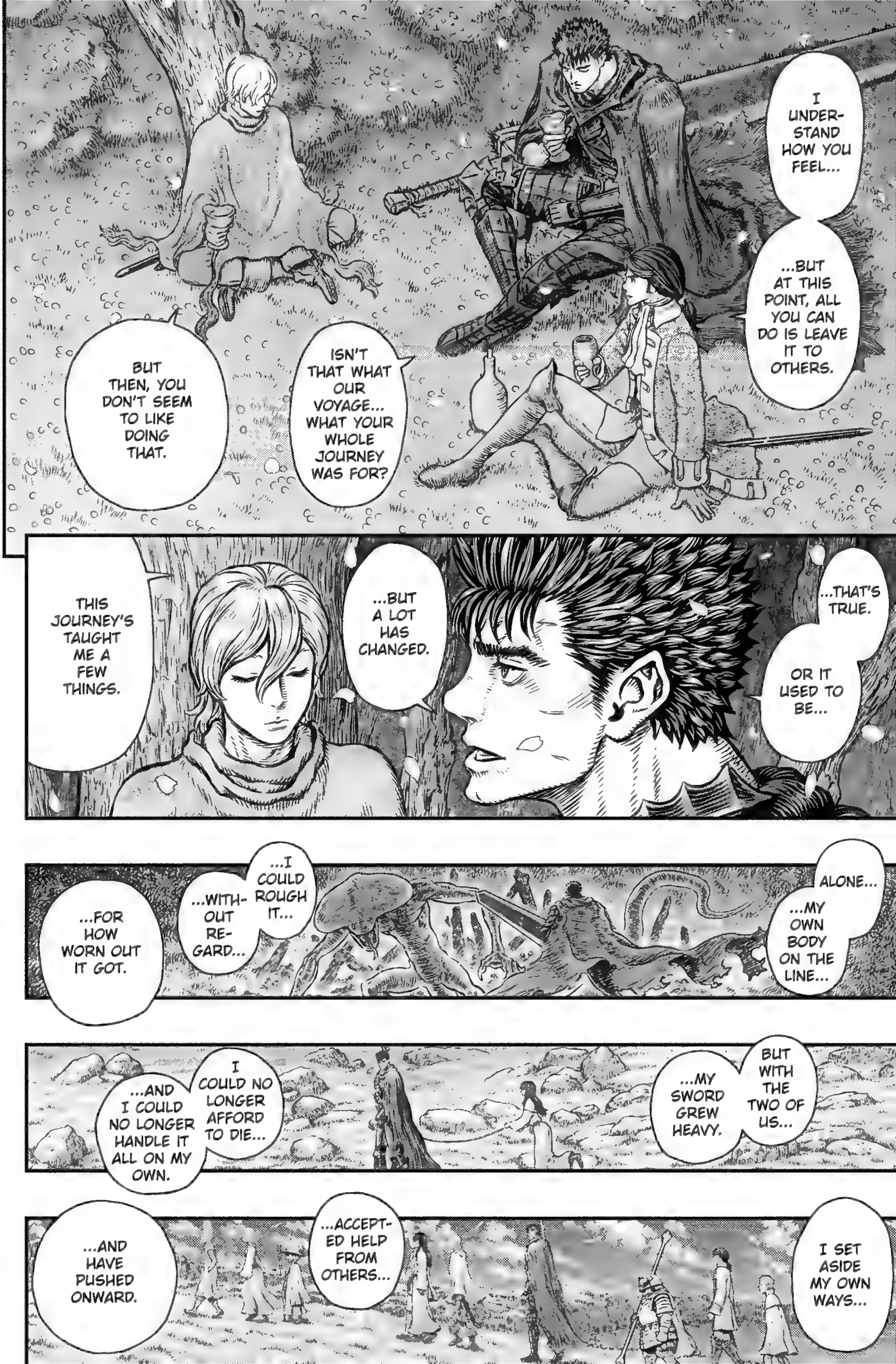
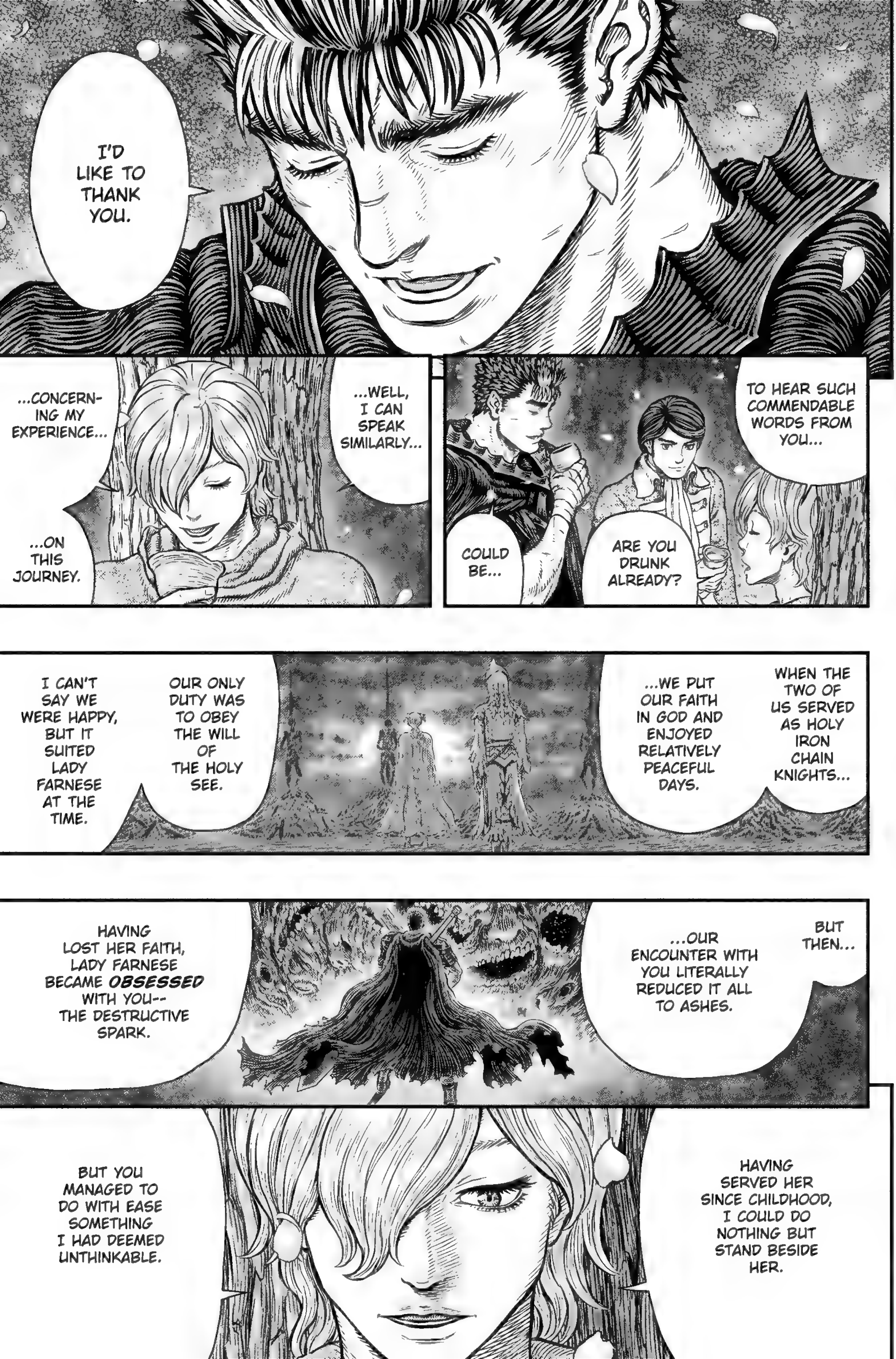
THE CORRIDOR OF DREAMS

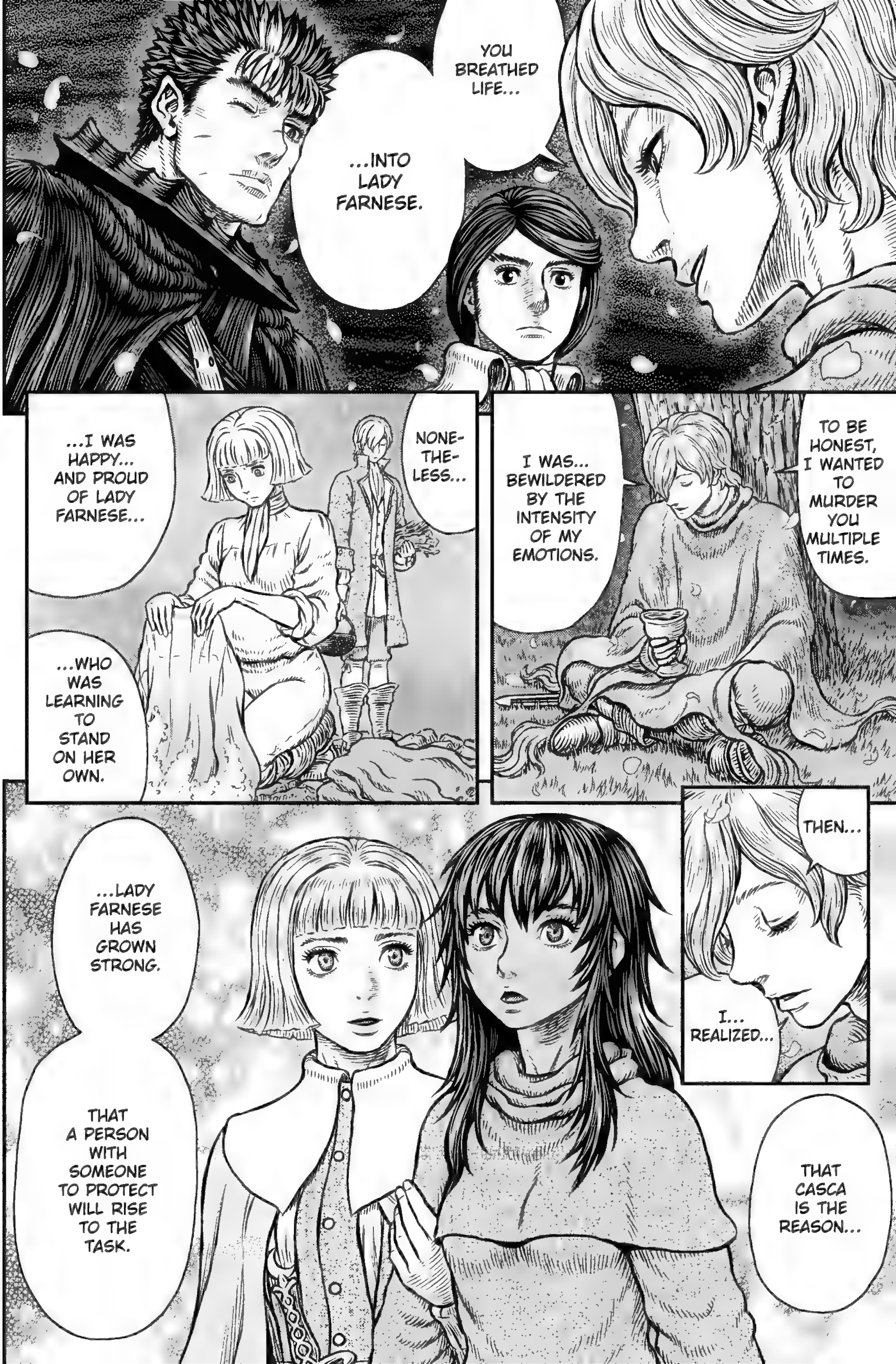

WELL, WELL... WHAT A SURPRISE THIS IS.
WHEN YOU HOLD A BANQUET...
...THERE'S NO WAY THE ELVES WILL JUST SIT STILL.

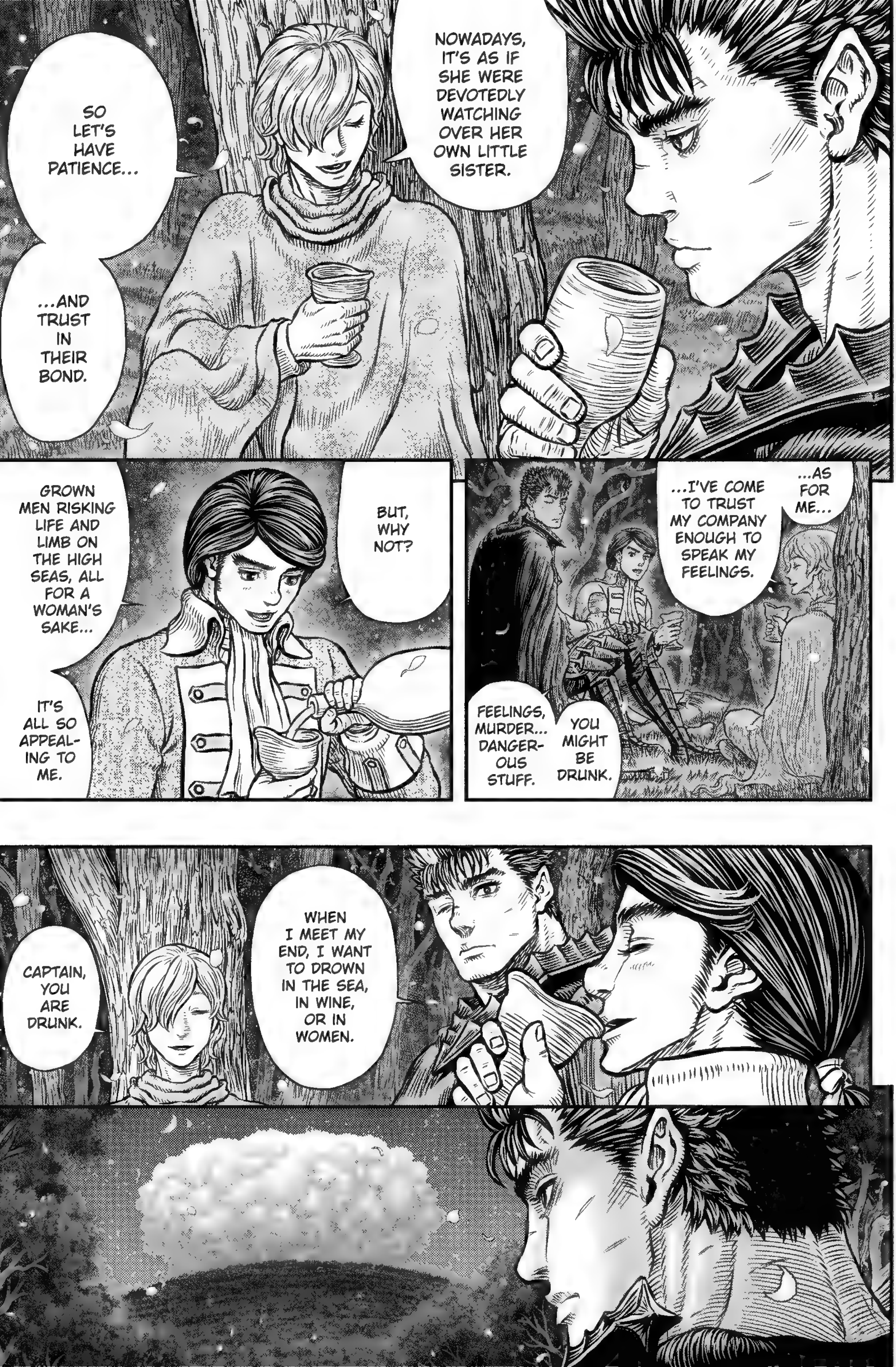

I RUN THROUGH THE LINE OF DEAD SPIRITS, THEN **SHWOP!**
AND WITH MY SALAMANDER DAGGER... **I FINISH IT OFF!**
YOU'RE A MERROW?!
HNNN, THA'S RIGHT.
SHEE?
OH, THERE WENT MUH UNDIES.
HEY, WANT TO COME TAKE A BATH? IT'S FULL OF HERBS. ♥
WASH AWAY THE WEARINESS OF TRAVEL, AND MAYBE SOME SCALES, OR EXTRACT...
ビタ! SHLAP
ワハハハハ… WAHAHAHAHA
WORK.
SOMEHOW I FIT RIGHT IN WITH YOU FELLOWS.
WORK.
WHY AM *I* WAITING TABLES ...?
THIS IS E-EXPLOITATION!
タプ PUDGE
タプ PUDGE
コロ ROLL
コロ ROLL

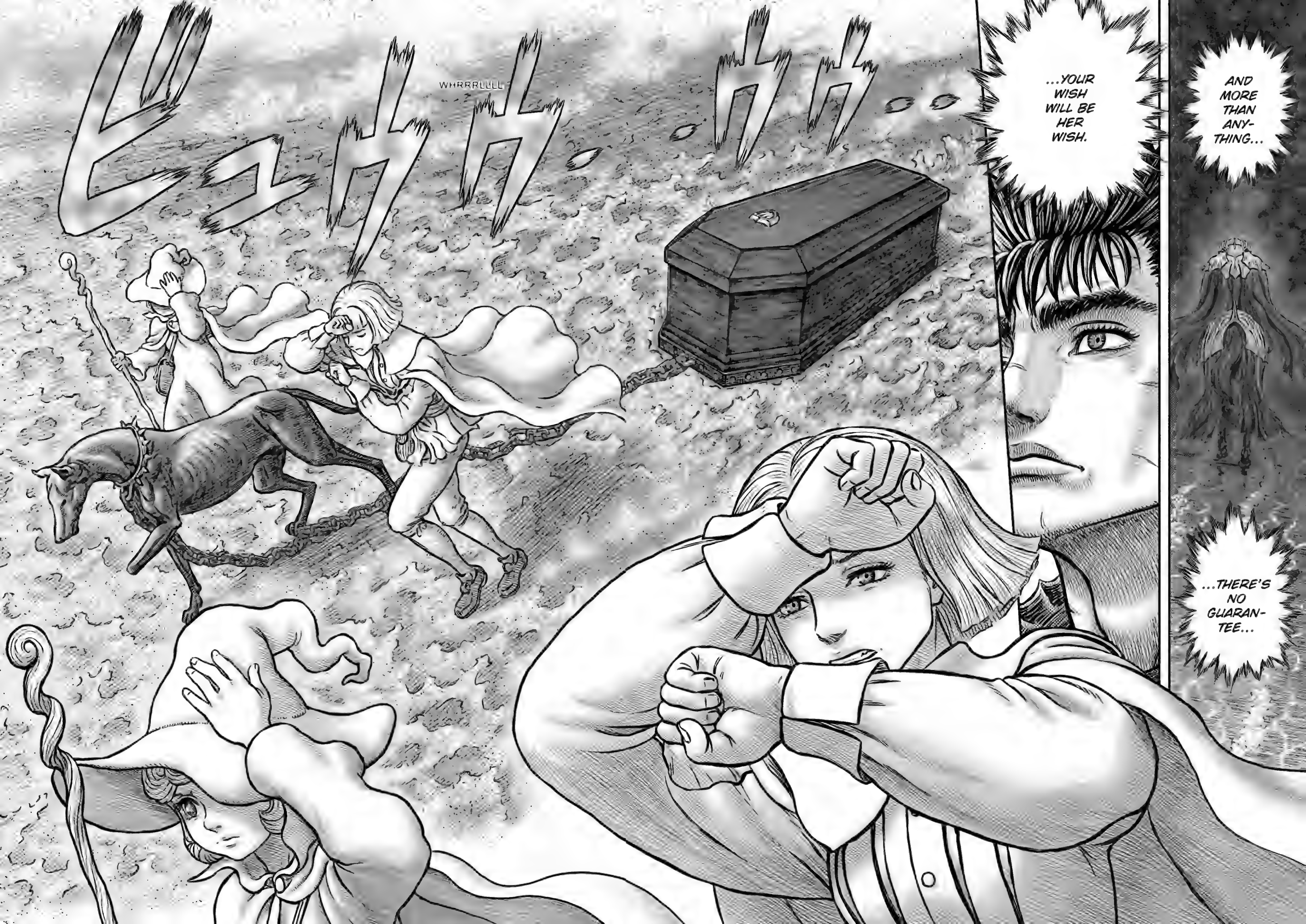

MAY WE JOIN YOU, CHIEF?
LET'S JUST US MEN...
...ENJOY A NIGHT VIEW OF THE BLOSSOMS.

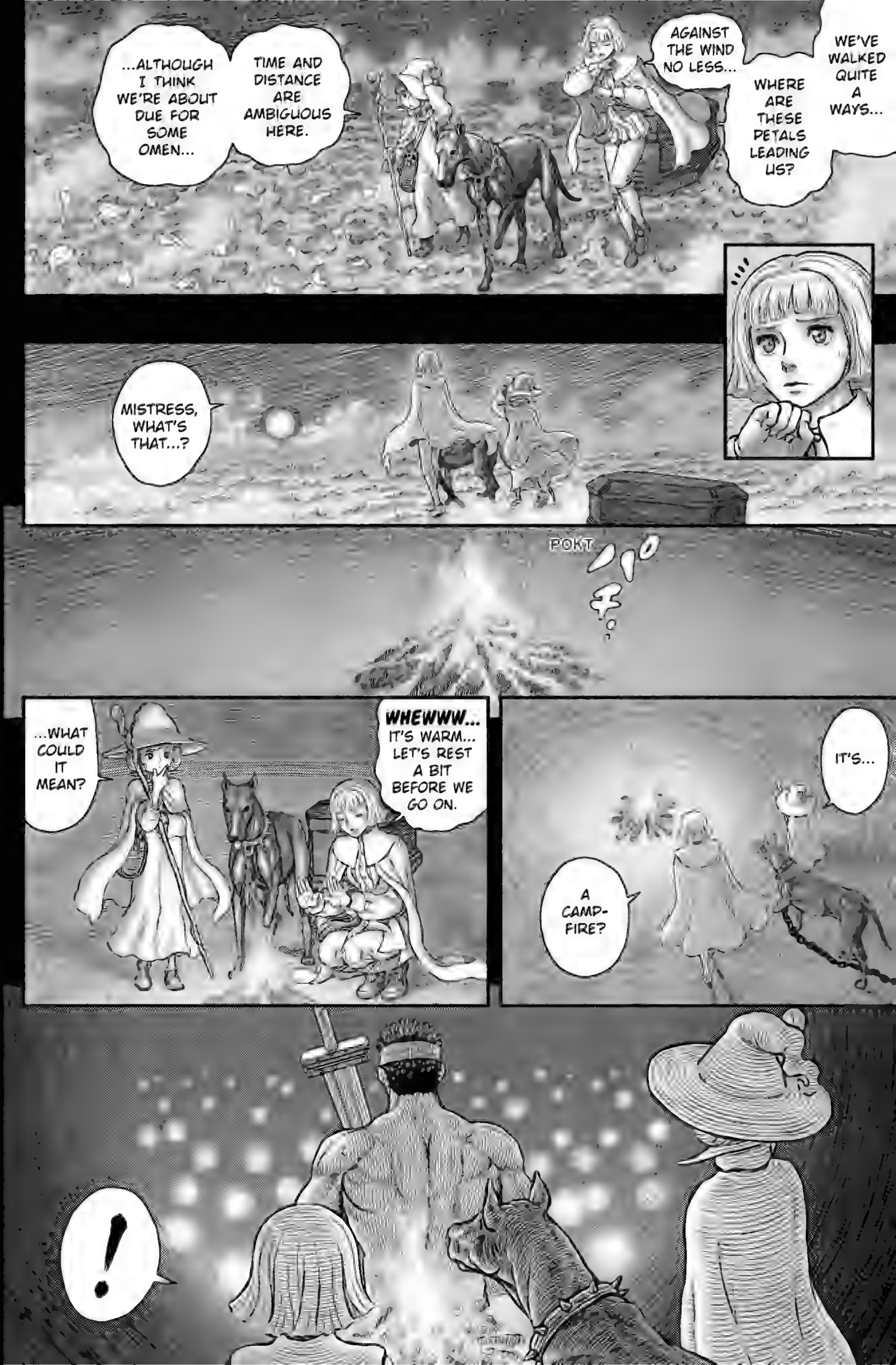

I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL...
...BUT AT THIS POINT, ALL YOU CAN DO IS LEAVE IT TO OTHERS.
ISN'T THAT WHAT OUR VOYAGE... WHAT YOUR WHOLE JOURNEY WAS FOR?
BUT THEN, YOU DON'T SEEM TO LIKE DOING THAT.
...THAT'S TRUE.
OR IT USED TO BE...
...BUT A LOT HAS CHANGED.
THIS JOURNEY'S TAUGHT ME A FEW THINGS.
ALONE...
...MY OWN BODY ON THE LINE...
...I COULD ROUGH IT...
...WITHOUT REGARD...
...FOR HOW WORN OUT IT GOT.
BUT WITH THE TWO OF US...
...MY SWORD GREW HEAVY.
I COULD NO LONGER AFFORD TO DIE...
...AND I COULD NO LONGER HANDLE IT ALL ON MY OWN.
I SET ASIDE MY OWN WAYS...
...ACCEPTED HELP FROM OTHERS...
...AND HAVE PUSHED ONWARD.

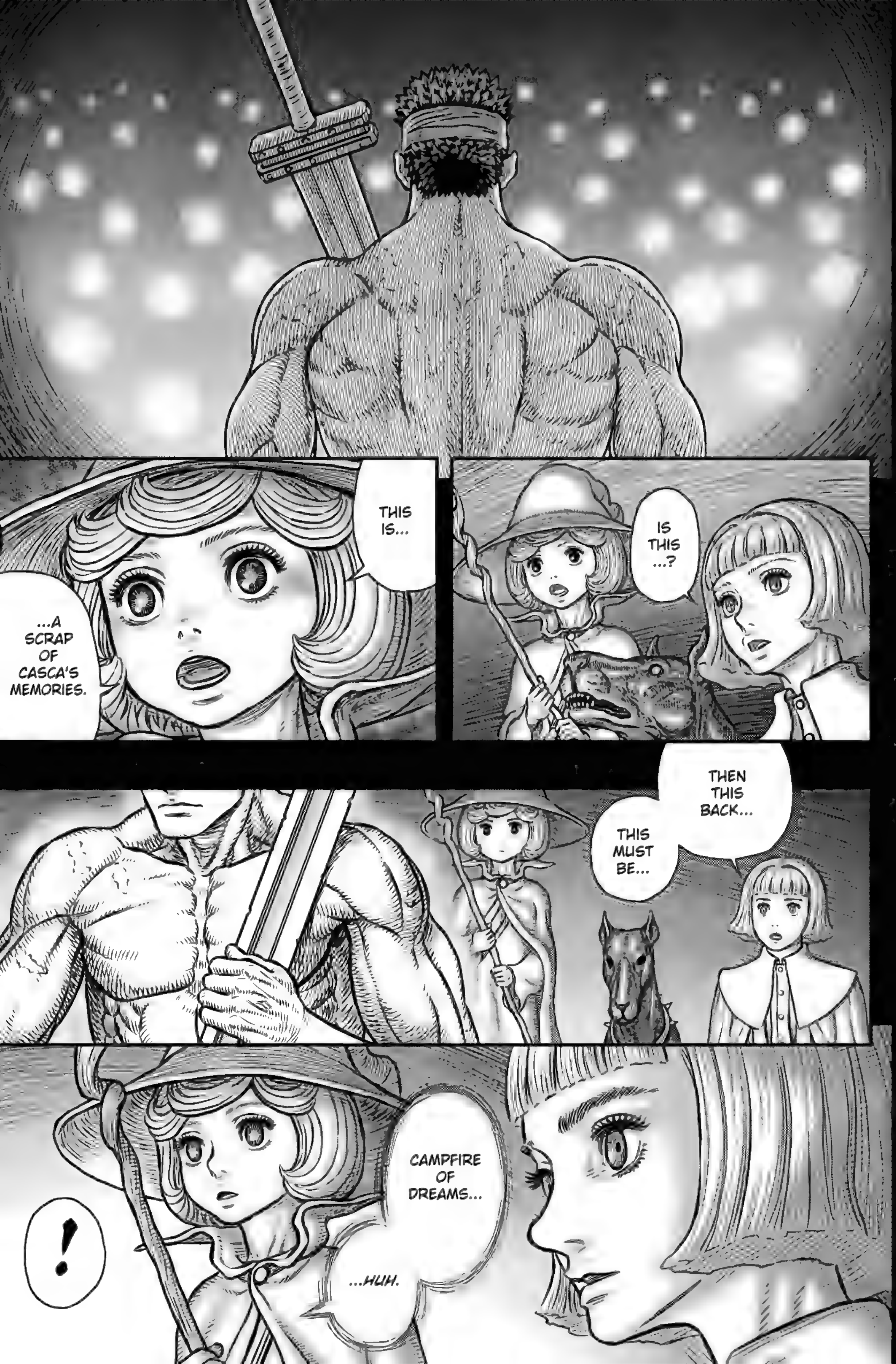

I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU.
TO HEAR SUCH COMMENDABLE WORDS FROM YOU...
ARE YOU DRUNK ALREADY?
COULD BE...
...WELL, I CAN SPEAK SIMILARLY...
...CONCERNING MY EXPERIENCE...
...ON THIS JOURNEY.
WHEN THE TWO OF US SERVED AS HOLY IRON CHAIN KNIGHTS...
...WE PUT OUR FAITH IN GOD AND ENJOYED RELATIVELY PEACEFUL DAYS.
OUR ONLY DUTY WAS TO OBEY THE WILL OF THE HOLY SEE.
I CAN'T SAY WE WERE HAPPY, BUT IT SUITED LADY FARNESE AT THE TIME.
BUT THEN...
...OUR ENCOUNTER WITH YOU LITERALLY REDUCED IT ALL TO ASHES.
HAVING LOST HER FAITH, LADY FARNESE BECAME ***OBSESSED*** WITH YOU-- THE DESTRUCTIVE SPARK.
HAVING SERVED HER SINCE CHILDHOOD, I COULD DO NOTHING BUT STAND BESIDE HER.
BUT YOU MANAGED TO DO WITH EASE SOMETHING I HAD DEEMED UNTHINKABLE.

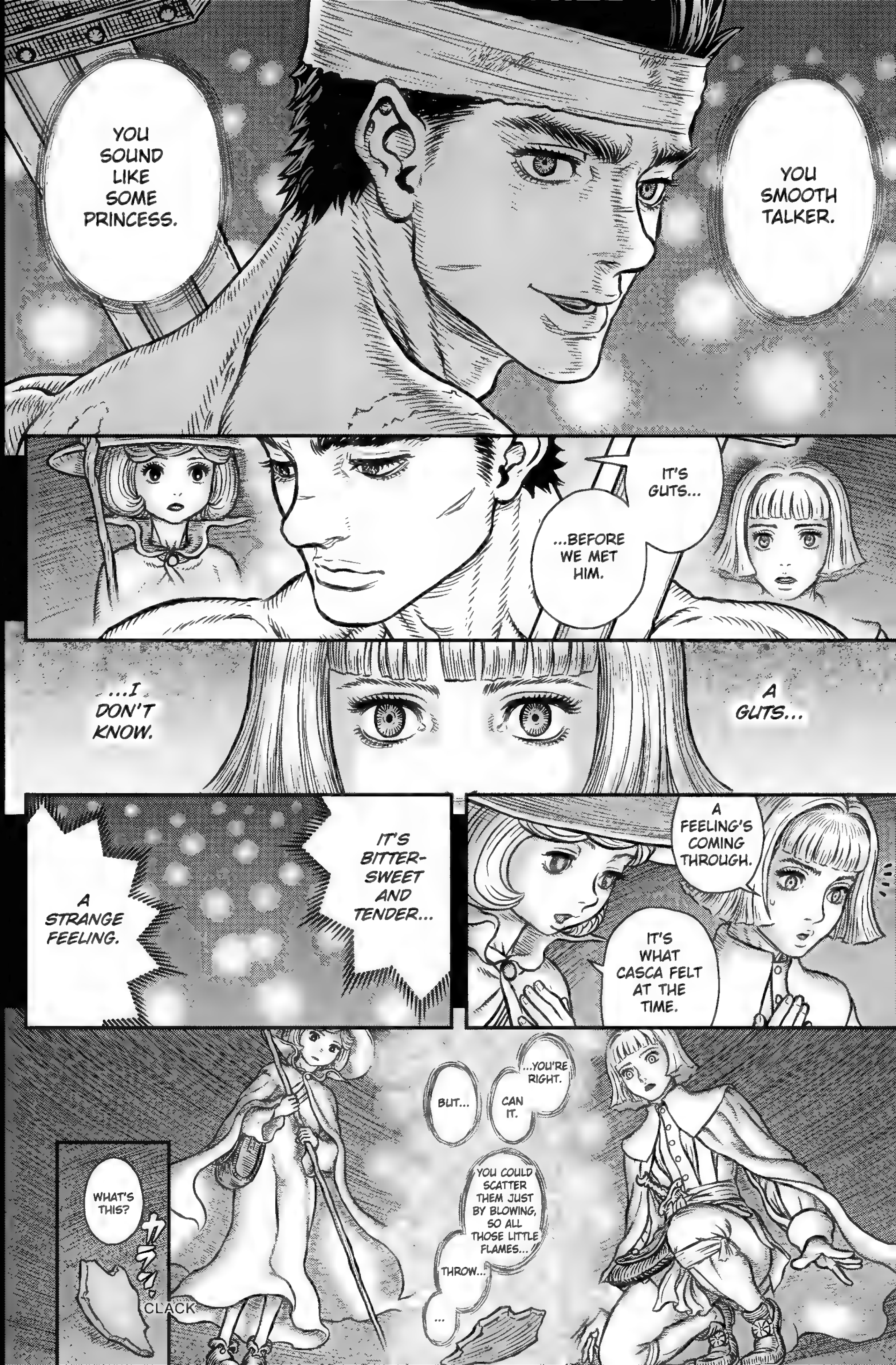

YOU BREATHED LIFE...
...INTO LADY FARNESE.
TO BE HONEST, I WANTED TO MURDER YOU MULTIPLE TIMES.
I WAS... BEWILDERED BY THE INTENSITY OF MY EMOTIONS.
NONETHELESS...
...I WAS HAPPY... AND PROUD OF LADY FARNESE...
...WHO WAS LEARNING TO STAND ON HER OWN.
THEN...
I... REALIZED...
THAT CASCA IS THE REASON...
...LADY FARNESE HAS GROWN STRONG.
THAT A PERSON WITH SOMEONE TO PROTECT WILL RISE TO THE TASK.

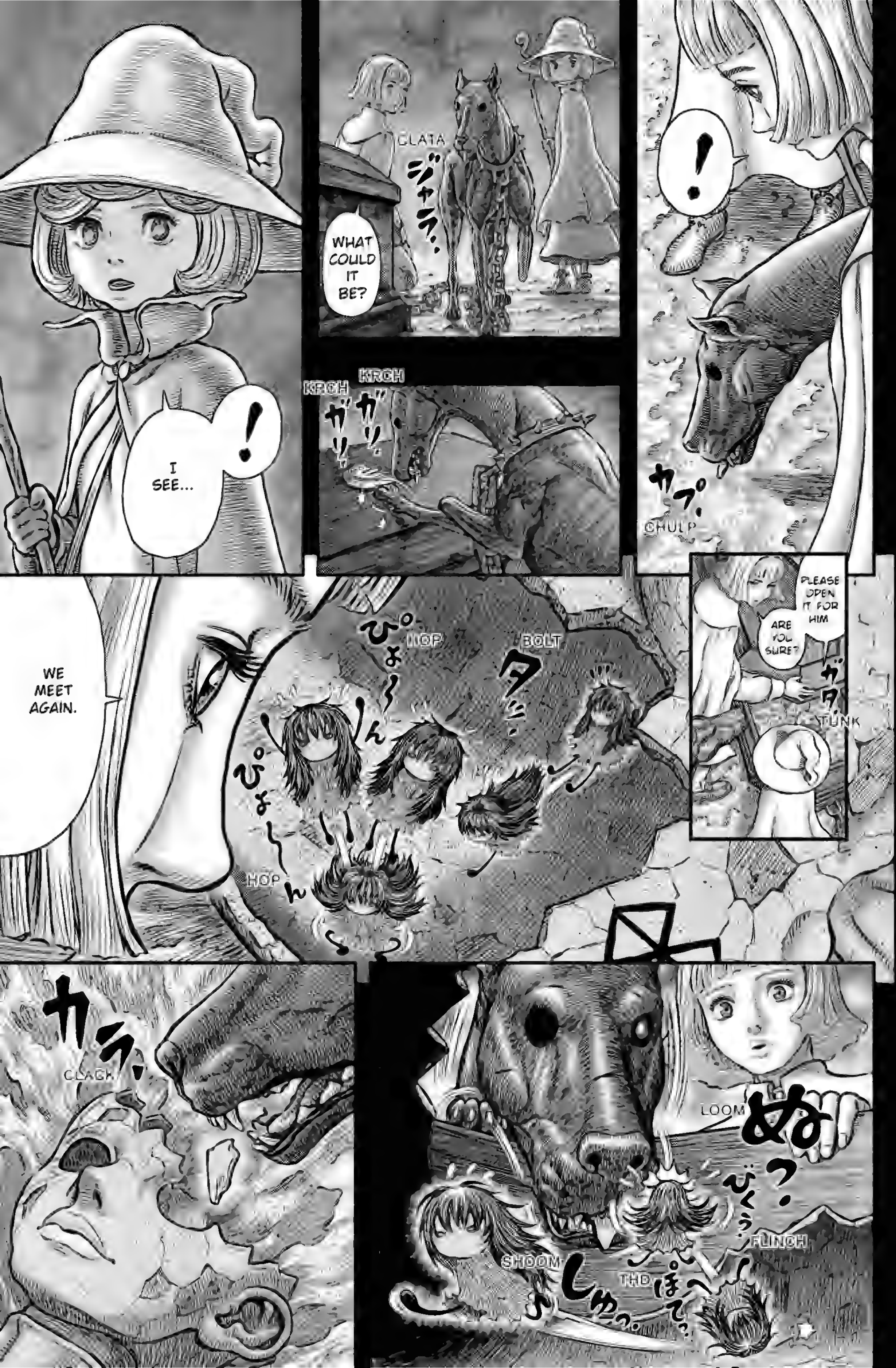

NOWADAYS, IT'S AS IF SHE WERE DEVOTEDLY WATCHING OVER HER OWN LITTLE SISTER.
SO LET'S HAVE PATIENCE...
...AND TRUST IN THEIR BOND.
...AS FOR ME...
...I'VE COME TO TRUST MY COMPANY ENOUGH TO SPEAK MY FEELINGS.
YOU MIGHT BE DRUNK.
FEELINGS, MURDER... DANGEROUS STUFF.
BUT, WHY NOT?
GROWN MEN RISKING LIFE AND LIMB ON THE HIGH SEAS, ALL FOR A WOMAN'S SAKE...
IT'S ALL SO APPEALING TO ME.
WHEN I MEET MY END, I WANT TO DROWN IN THE SEA, IN WINE, OR IN WOMEN.
CAPTAIN, YOU ARE DRUNK.


...YOUR WISH WILL BE HER WISH.
AND MORE THAN ANYTHING...
...THERE'S NO GUARANTEE...
ビュウウ・・ウウ・・
WHRRRLLLL


WE'VE WALKED QUITE A WAYS...
AGAINST THE WIND NO LESS...
WHERE ARE THESE PETALS LEADING US?
TIME AND DISTANCE ARE AMBIGUOUS HERE.
...ALTHOUGH I THINK WE'RE ABOUT DUE FOR SOME OMEN...
MISTRESS, WHAT'S THAT...?
POKT
パチ
IT'S...
A CAMP-FIRE?
WHEWWW... IT'S WARM... LET'S REST A BIT BEFORE WE GO ON.
...WHAT COULD IT MEAN?
!


IS THIS ...?
THIS IS...
...A SCRAP OF CASCA'S MEMORIES.
THEN THIS BACK...
THIS MUST BE...
CAMPFIRE OF DREAMS...
...HUH.
!


YOU SMOOTH TALKER.
YOU SOUND LIKE SOME PRINCESS.
IT'S GUTS...
...BEFORE WE MET HIM.
A GUTS...
...I DON'T KNOW.
A FEELING'S COMING THROUGH.
IT'S WHAT CASCA FELT AT THE TIME.
IT'S BITTER-SWEET AND TENDER...
A STRANGE FEELING.
...YOU'RE RIGHT.
CAN IT.
BUT...
YOU COULD SCATTER THEM JUST BY BLOWING, SO ALL THOSE LITTLE FLAMES...
THROW...
...
WHAT'S THIS?
カラ
CLACK


!
カプ
CHULP
ジャラ…
CLATA
WHAT COULD IT BE?
ガリ
KRCH
ガリ
KRCH
!
I SEE…
PLEASE OPEN IT FOR HIM
ARE YOU SURE?
ガタ
TUNK
ぴょ～ん
HOP
タッ
BOLT
ぴょ～ん
HOP
WE MEET AGAIN.
ぬっ
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SHOOM
カラ
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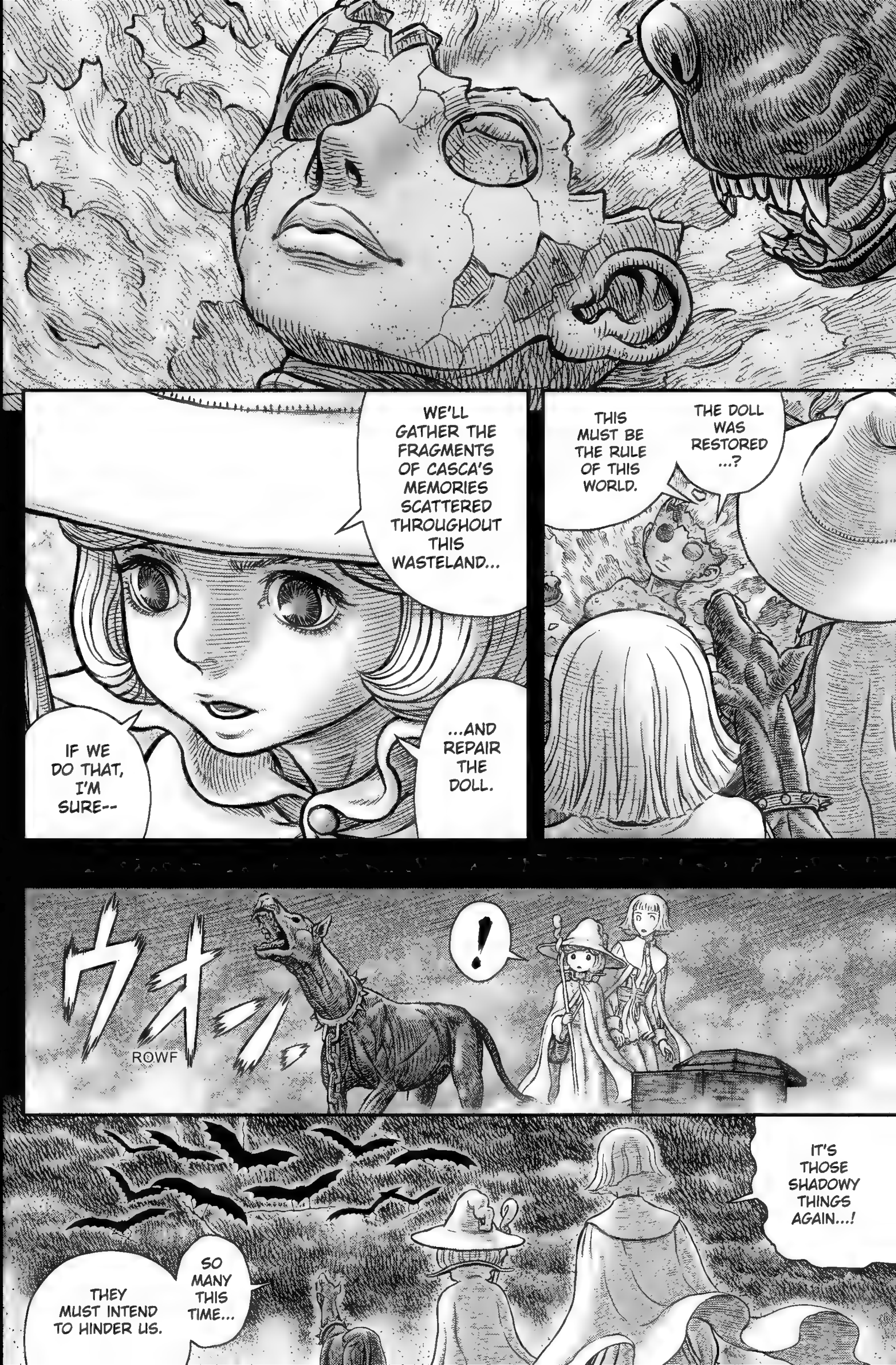
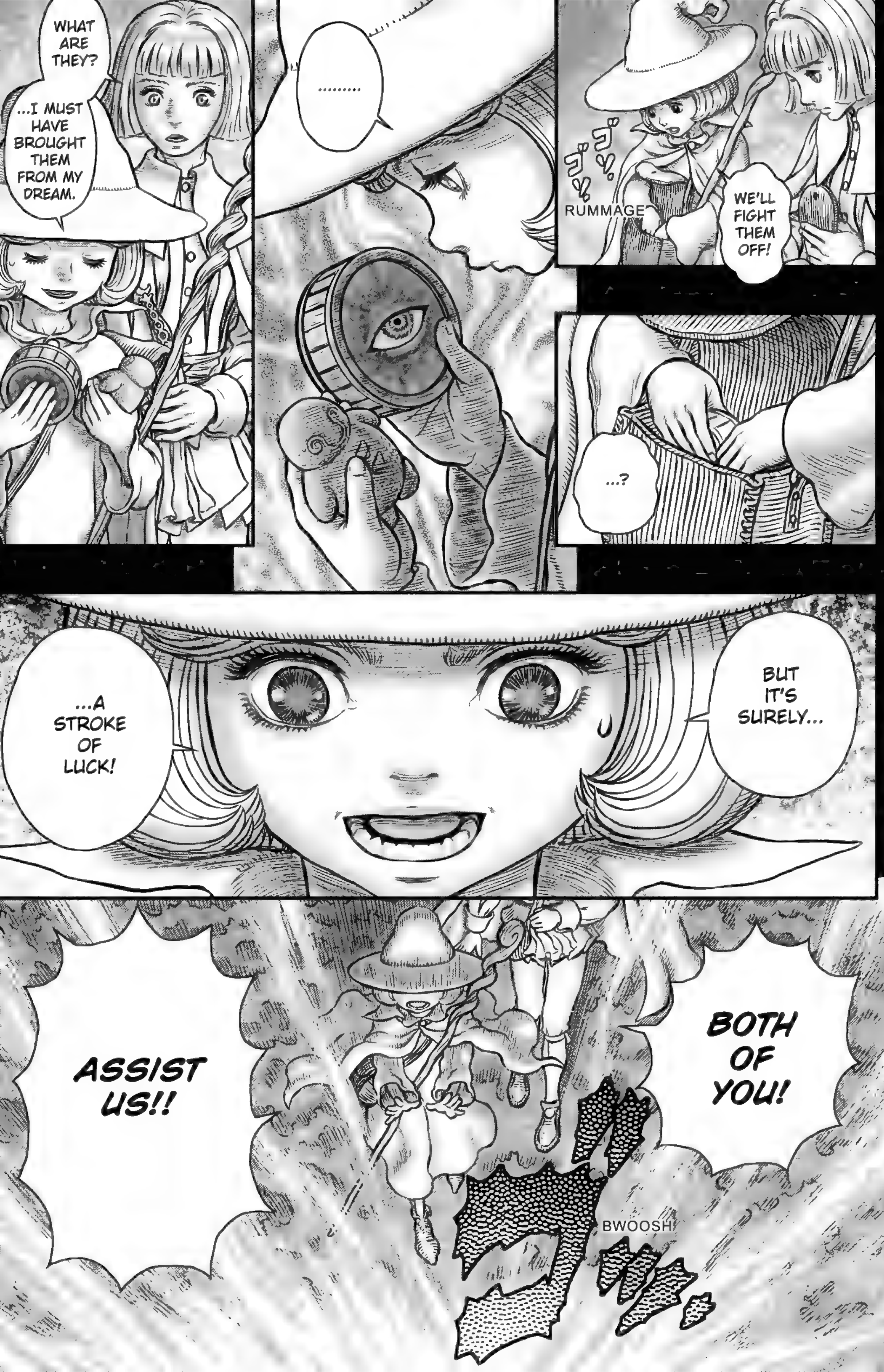
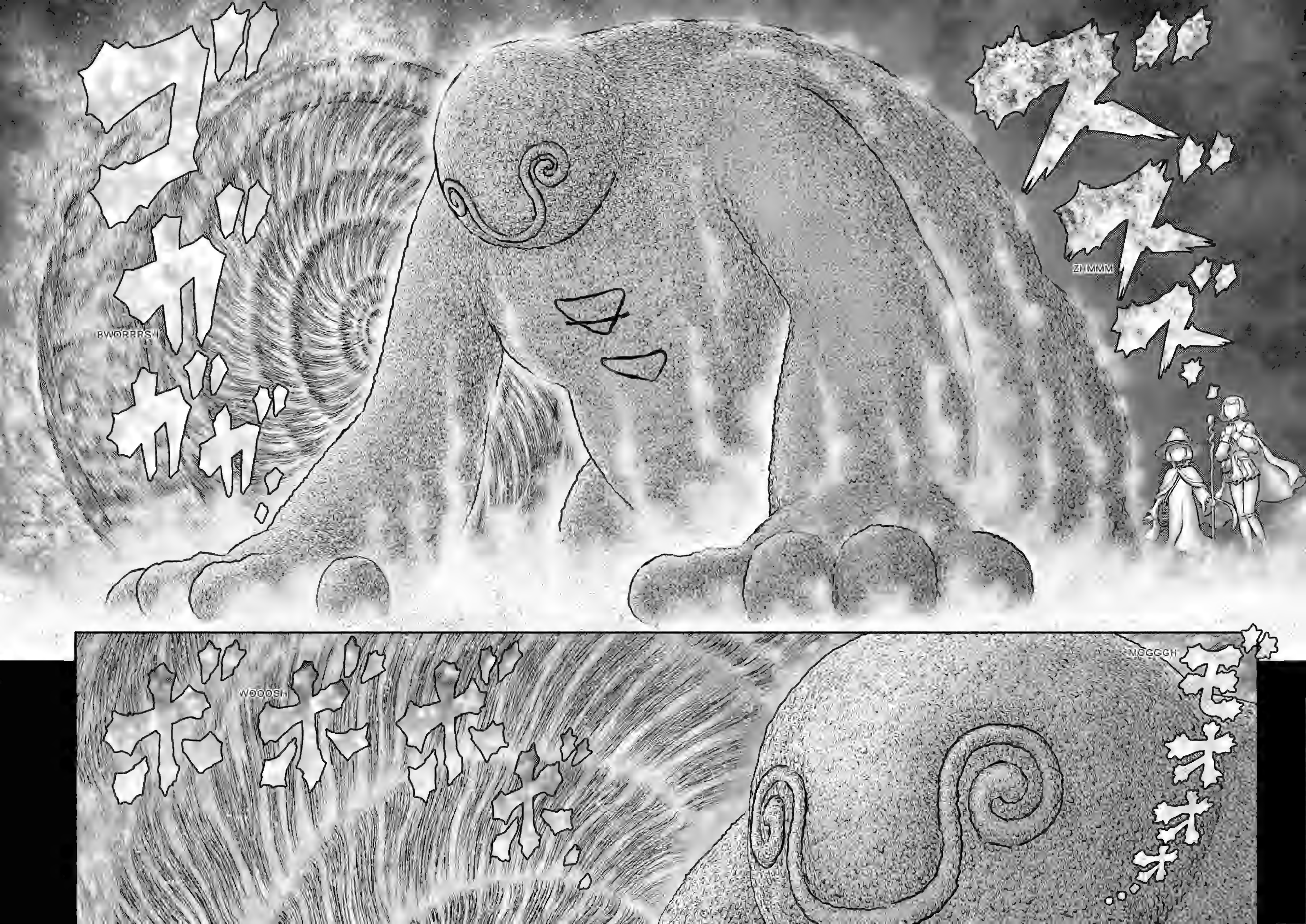

THE DOLL WAS RESTORED ...?
THIS MUST BE THE RULE OF THIS WORLD.
WE'LL GATHER THE FRAGMENTS OF CASCA'S MEMORIES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THIS WASTELAND...
...AND REPAIR THE DOLL.
IF WE DO THAT, I'M SURE--
!
ウオン
ROWF
IT'S THOSE SHADOWY THINGS AGAIN...!
SO MANY THIS TIME...
THEY MUST INTEND TO HINDER US.


RUMMAGE
WE'LL FIGHT THEM OFF!
...?
WHAT ARE THEY?
...I MUST HAVE BROUGHT THEM FROM MY DREAM.
....
BUT IT'S SURELY...
...A STROKE OF LUCK!
BOTH OF YOU!
ASSIST US!!
BWOOSH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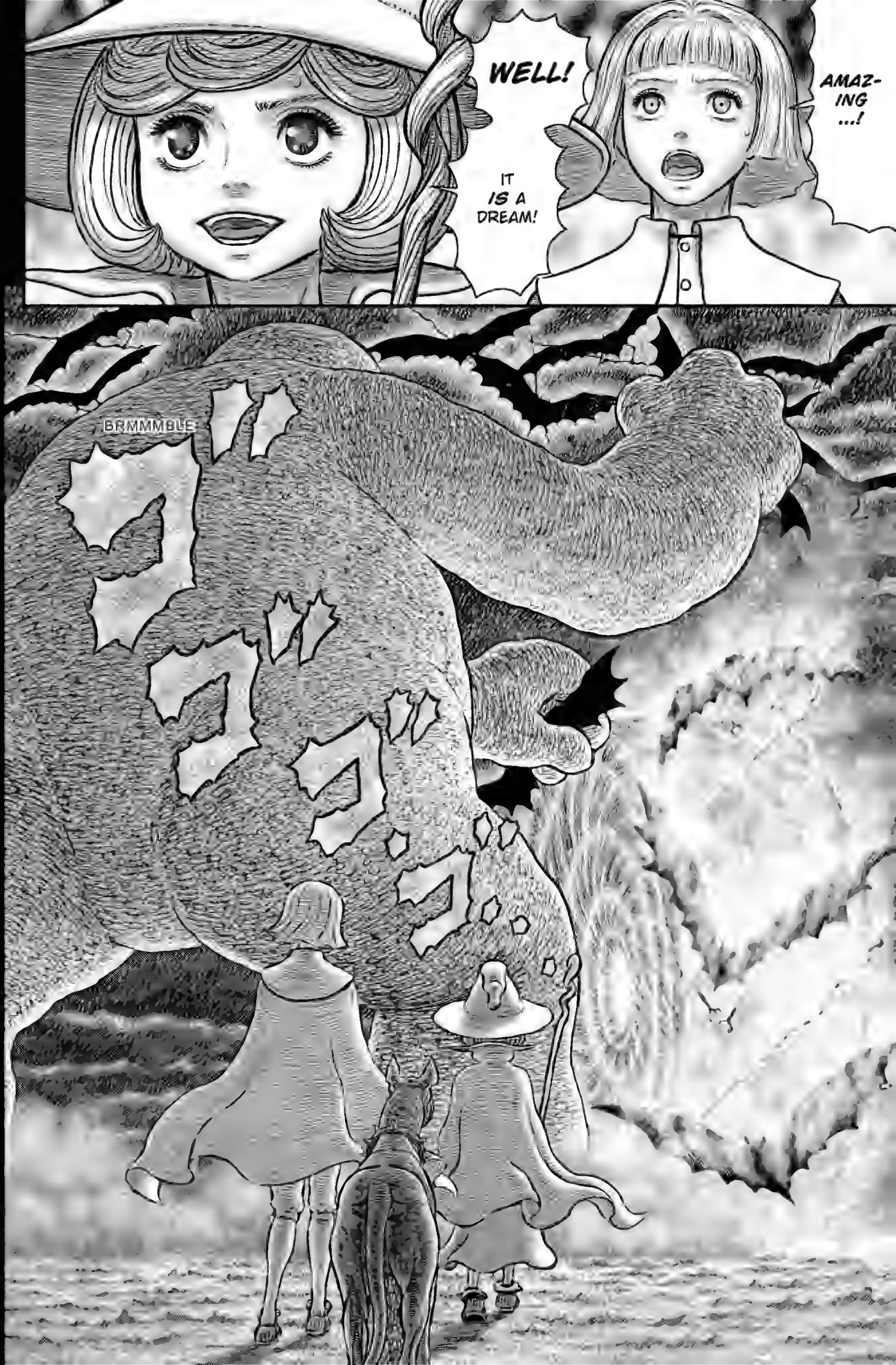
ZNMMM
ゴヴヴヴ
BWORRRSH
モオオオ…
MOGGGH
ボボボボ
WOOOSH


AMAZING...!
WELL!
IT IS A DREAM!
BRMMMBLE

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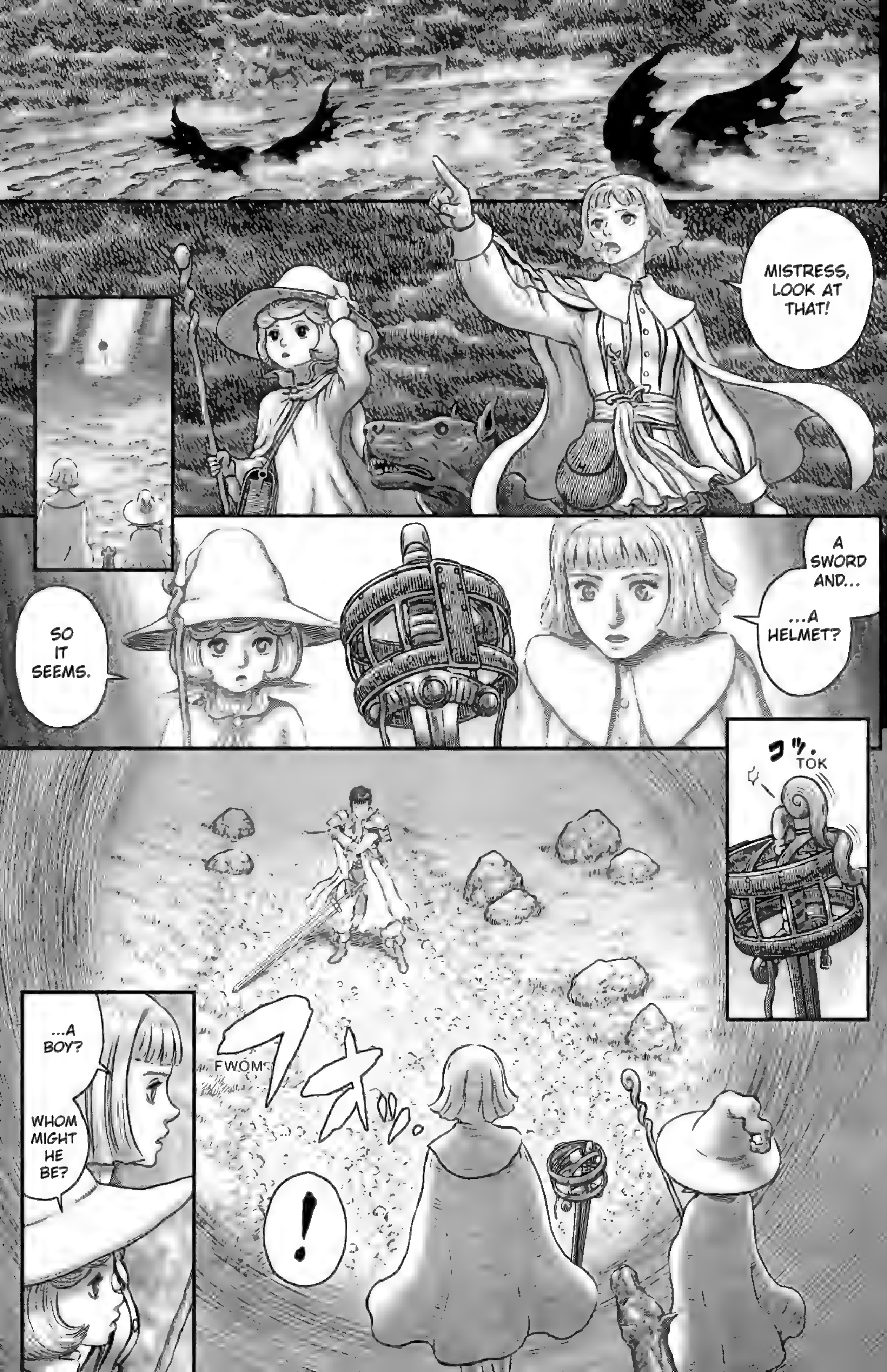
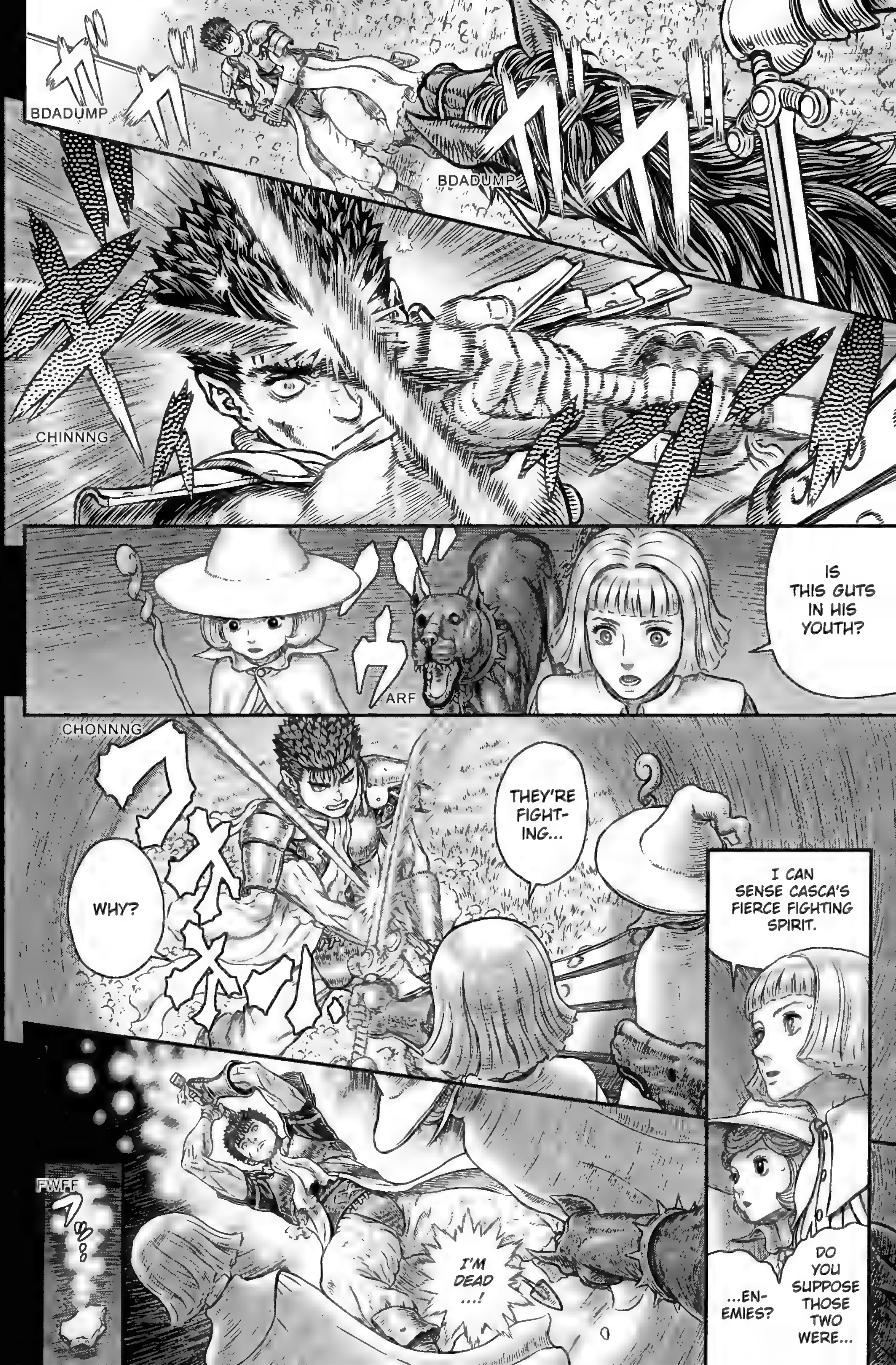
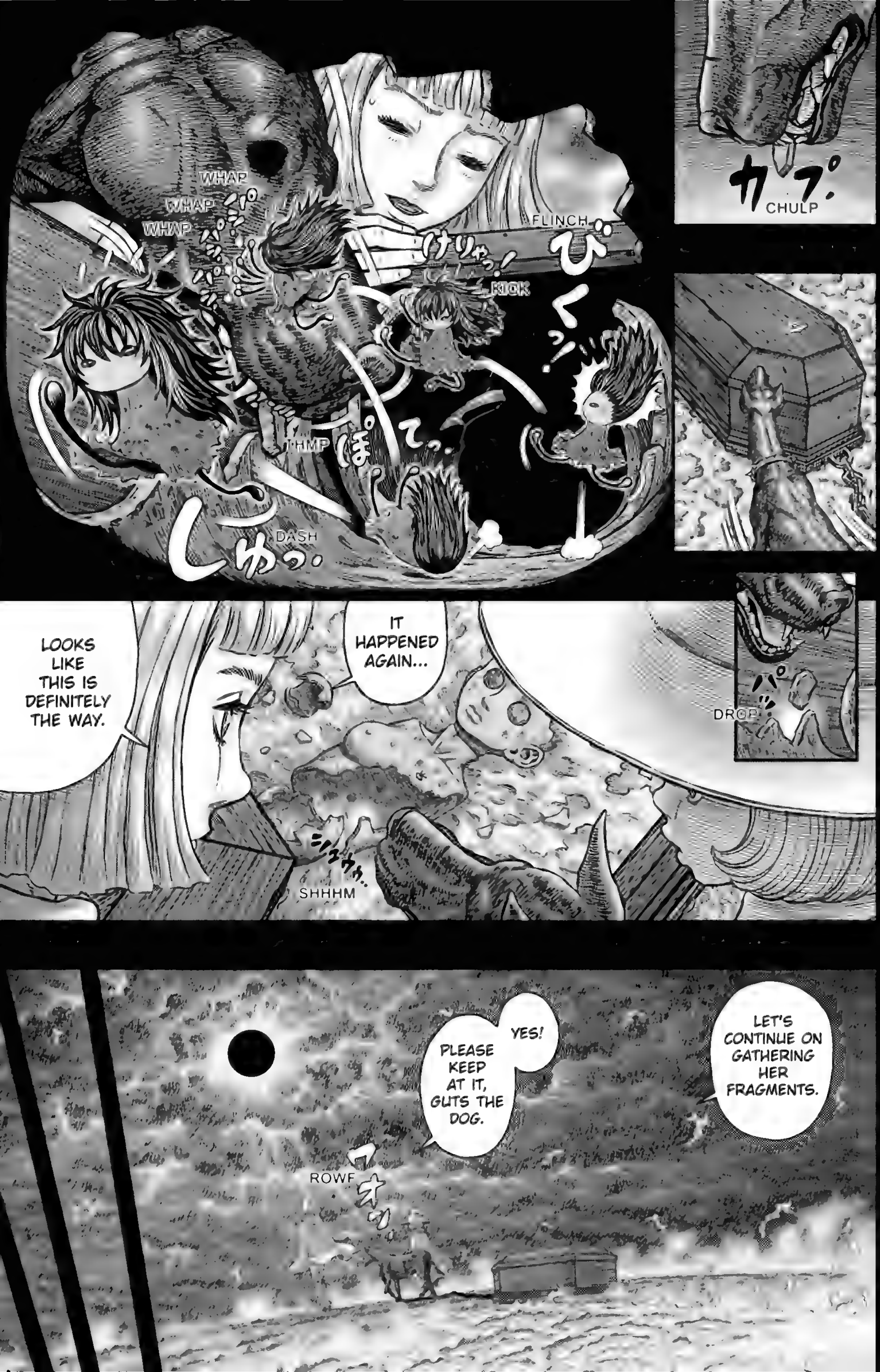
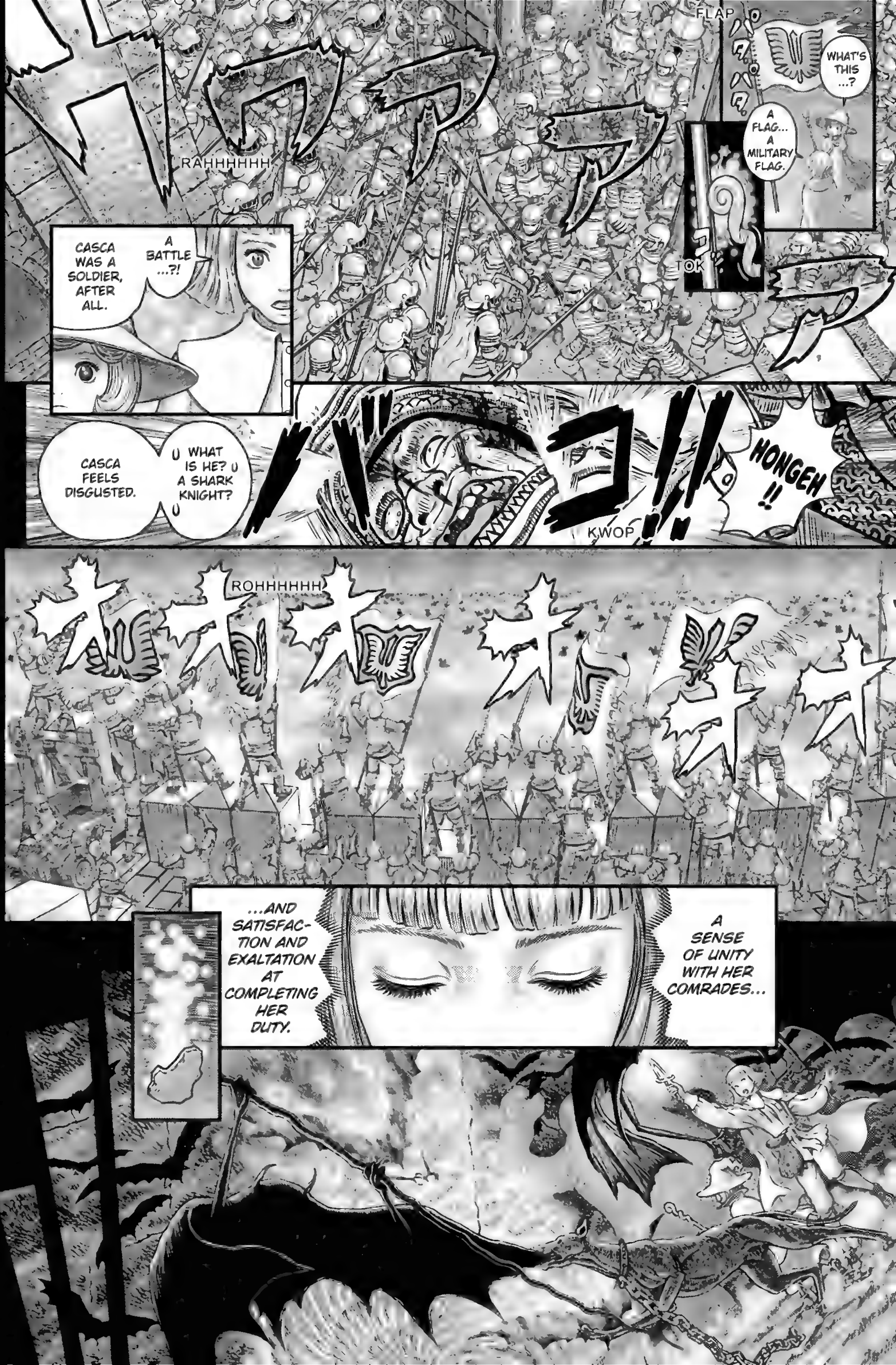
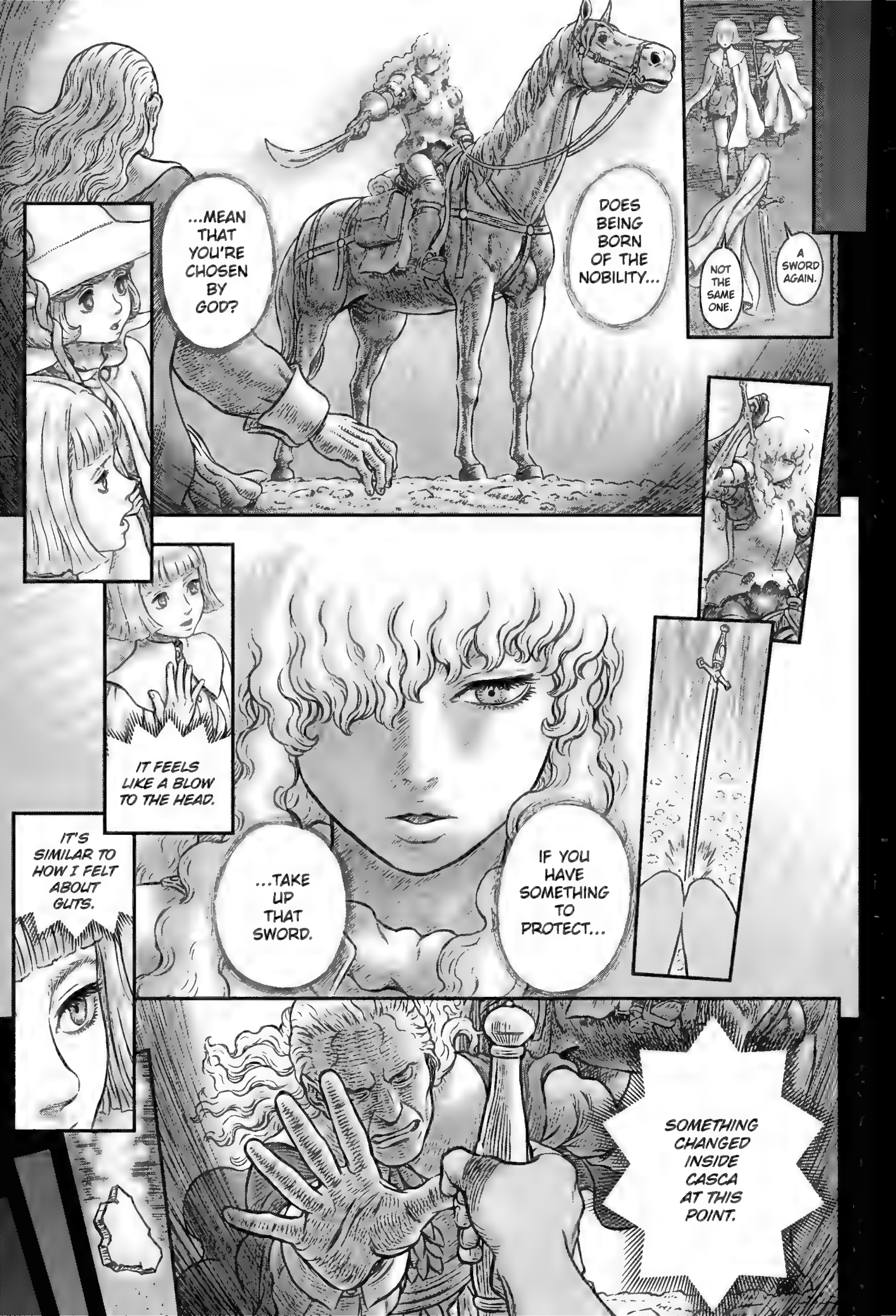
FRAGMENTS OF MEMORY

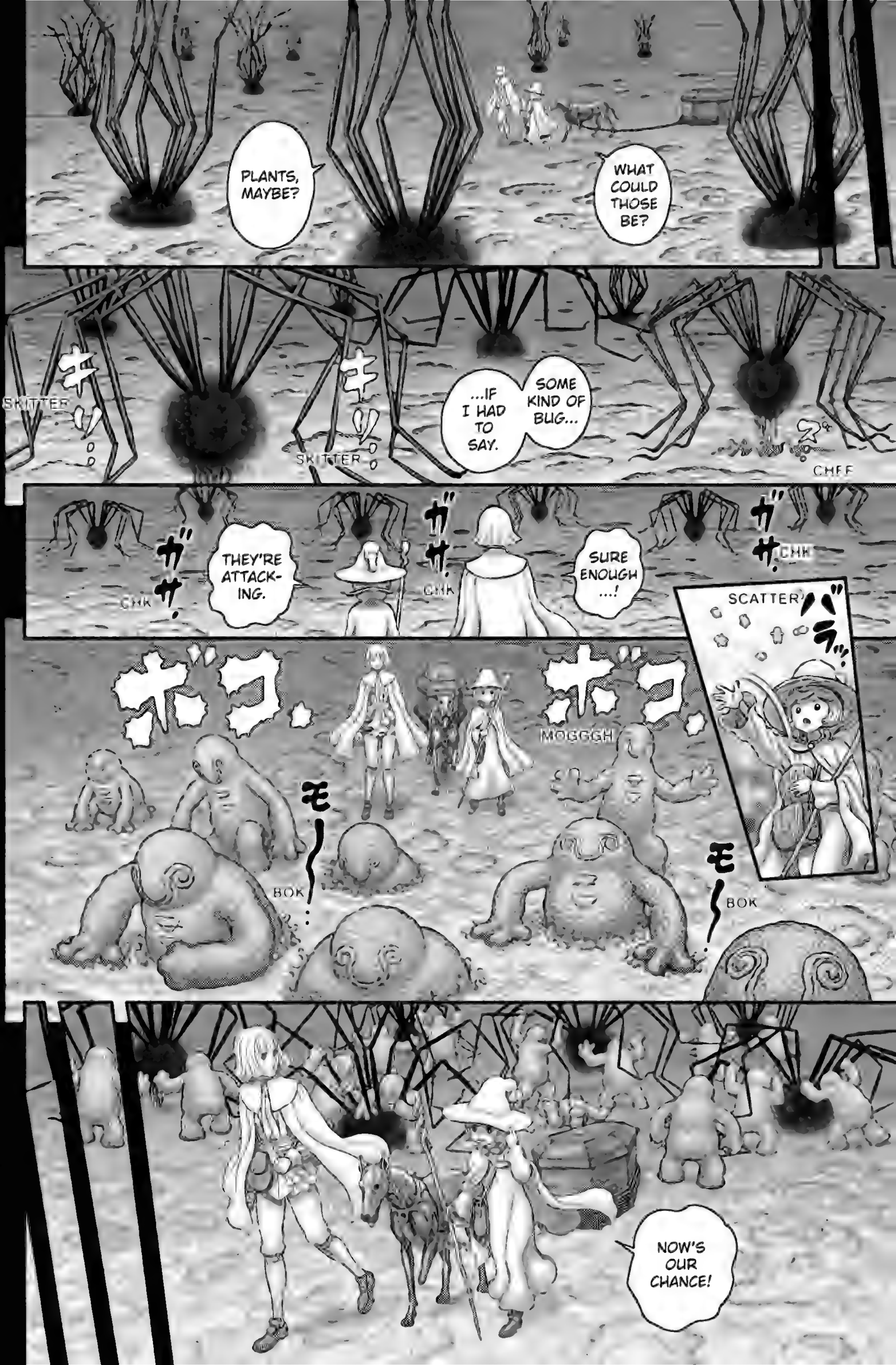

MISTRESS, LOOK AT THAT!
A SWORD AND...
...A HELMET?
SO IT SEEMS.
コッ TOK
FWOMS
!
...A BOY?
WHOM MIGHT HE BE?

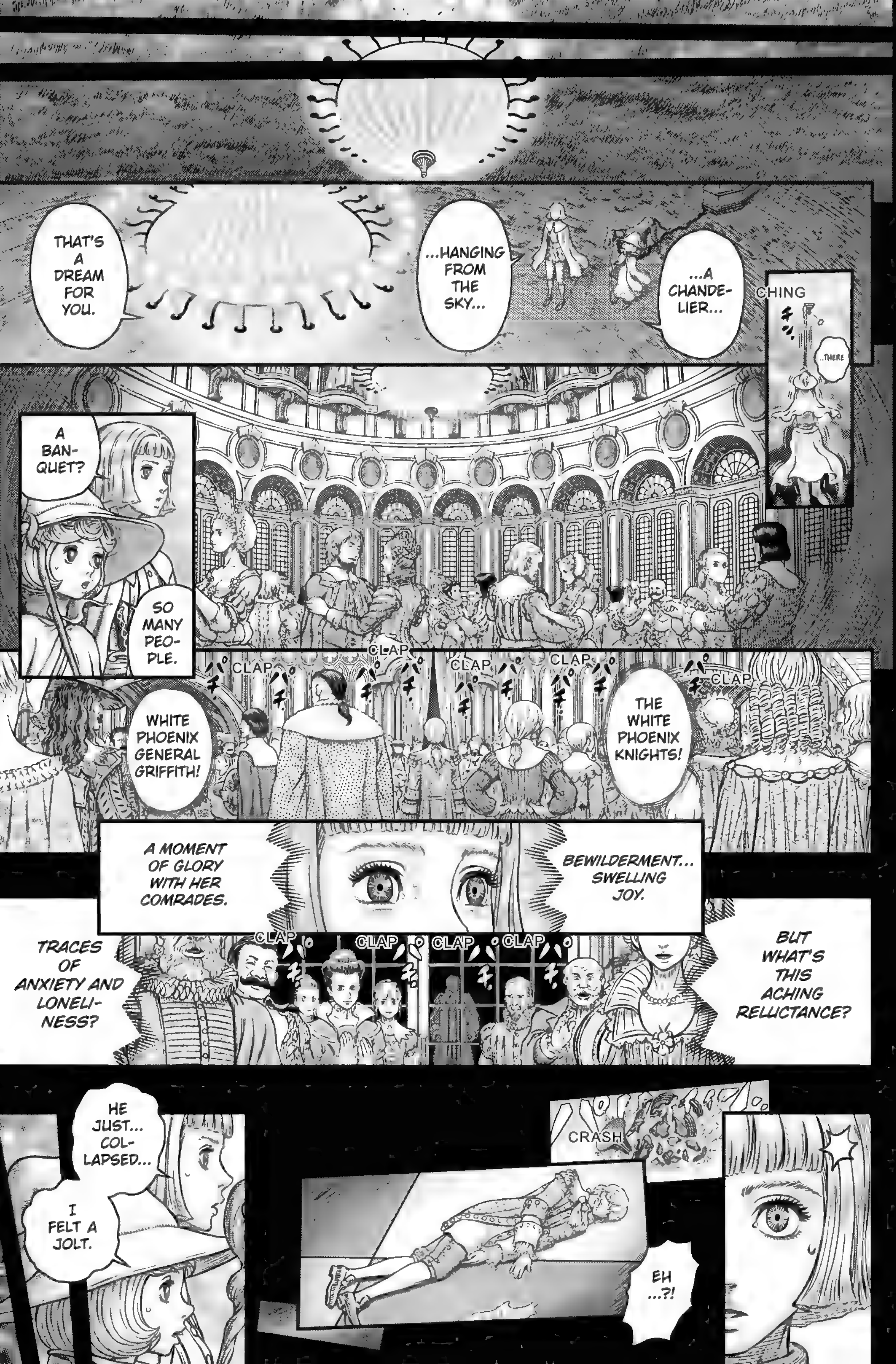

BDADUMP
BDADUMP
CHINNNG
IS THIS GUTS IN HIS YOUTH?
ARF
CHONNNG
THEY'RE FIGHTING...
WHY?
I CAN SENSE CASCA'S FIERCE FIGHTING SPIRIT.
DO YOU SUPPOSE THOSE TWO WERE...
...ENEMIES?
I'M DEAD...!
FWFF

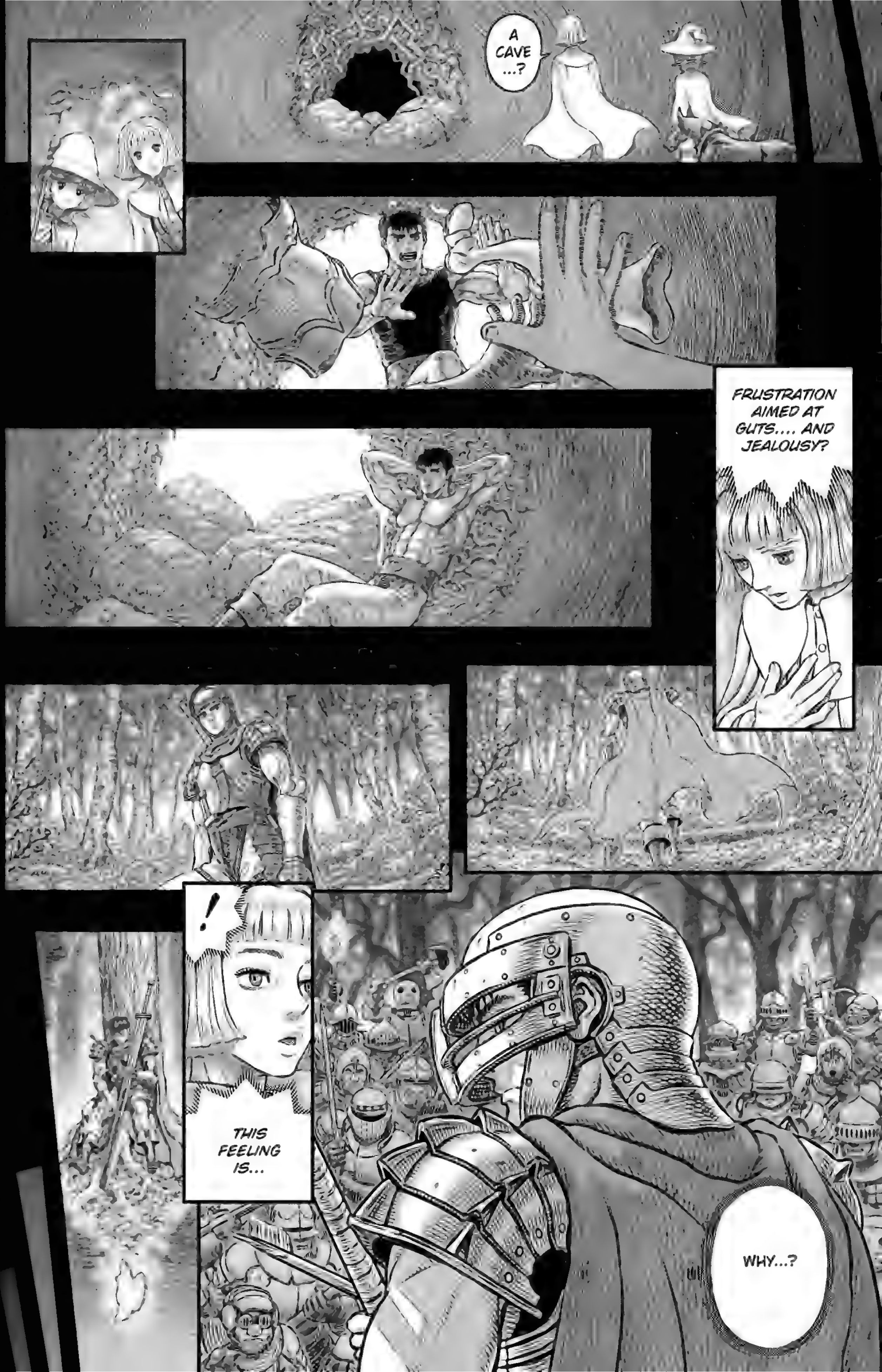

カプ
CHULP
びくっ!
FLINCH
けりゃっ!
KICK
パパパ
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
ぽてっ
THMP
しゅっ
DASH
ぱ
DROP
IT HAPPENED AGAIN...
LOOKS LIKE THIS IS DEFINITELY THE WAY.
シュウゥ...
SHHHM
LET'S CONTINUE ON GATHERING HER FRAGMENTS.
YES!
PLEASE KEEP AT IT, GUTS THE DOG.
ワオッ
ROWF

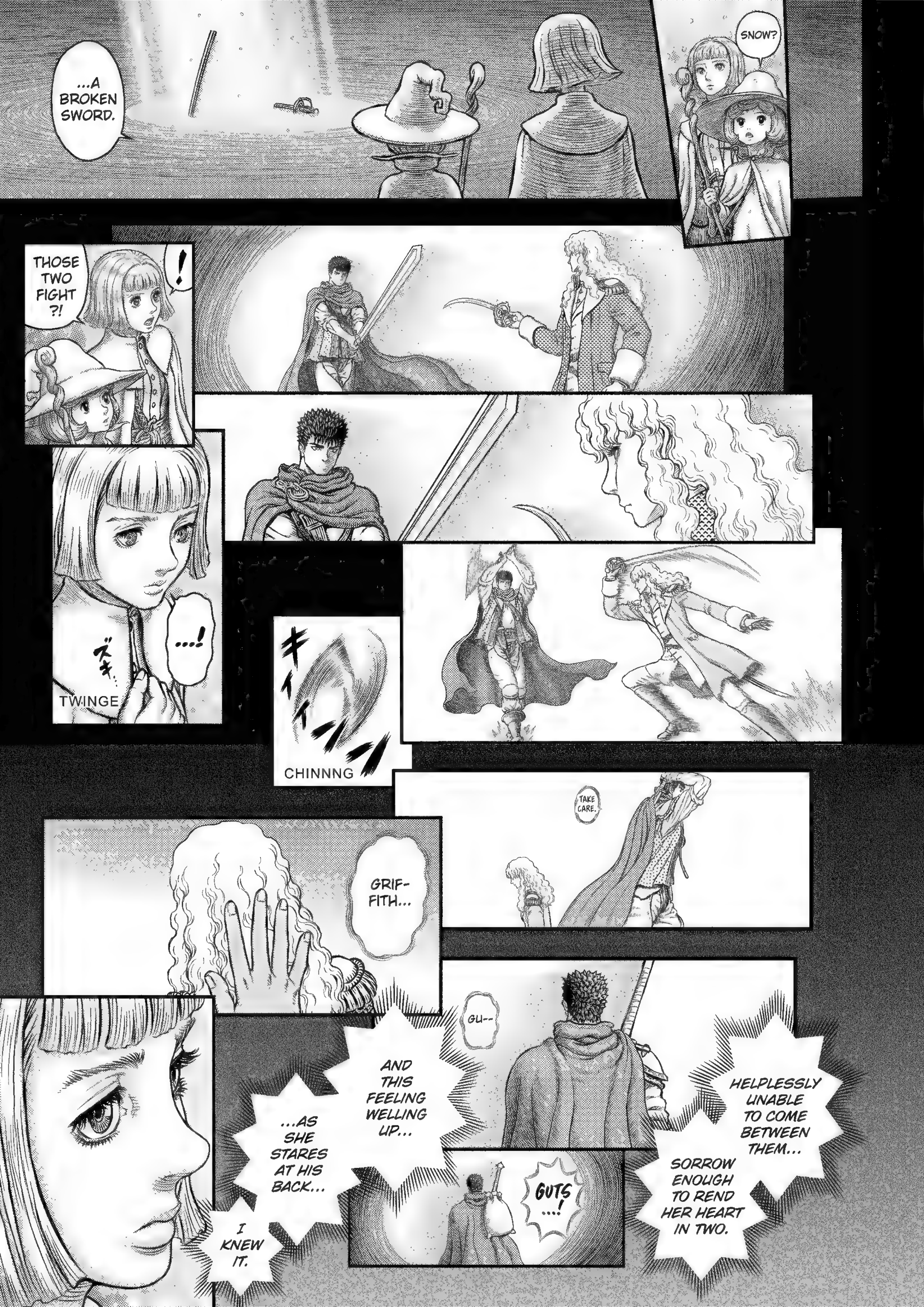

FLAP
WHAT'S THIS ...?
A FLAG... A MILITARY FLAG.
TOK
RAHHHHHH
A BATTLE ...?!
CASCA WAS A SOLDIER, AFTER ALL.
HONGEH!!
KWOP
WHAT IS HE? A SHARK KNIGHT?
CASCA FEELS DISGUSTED.
ROHHHHHH
A SENSE OF UNITY WITH HER COMRADES...
...AND SATISFACTION AND EXALTATION AT COMPLETING HER DUTY.

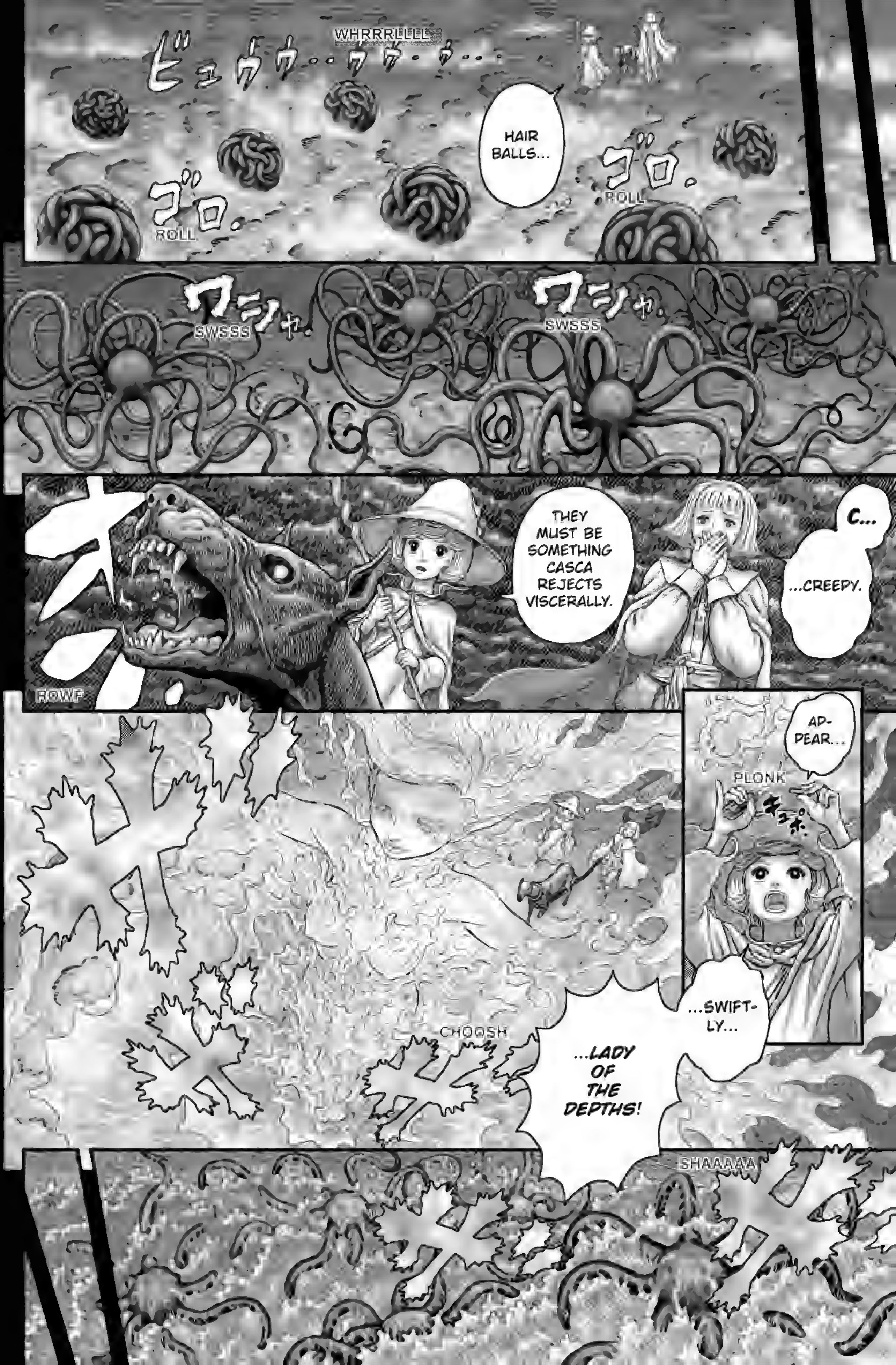

A SWORD AGAIN.
NOT THE SAME ONE.
DOES BEING BORN OF THE NOBILITY...
...MEAN THAT YOU'RE CHOSEN BY GOD?
IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO PROTECT...
...TAKE UP THAT SWORD.
IT FEELS LIKE A BLOW TO THE HEAD.
IT'S SIMILAR TO HOW I FELT ABOUT GUTS.
SOMETHING CHANGED INSIDE CASCA AT THIS POINT.

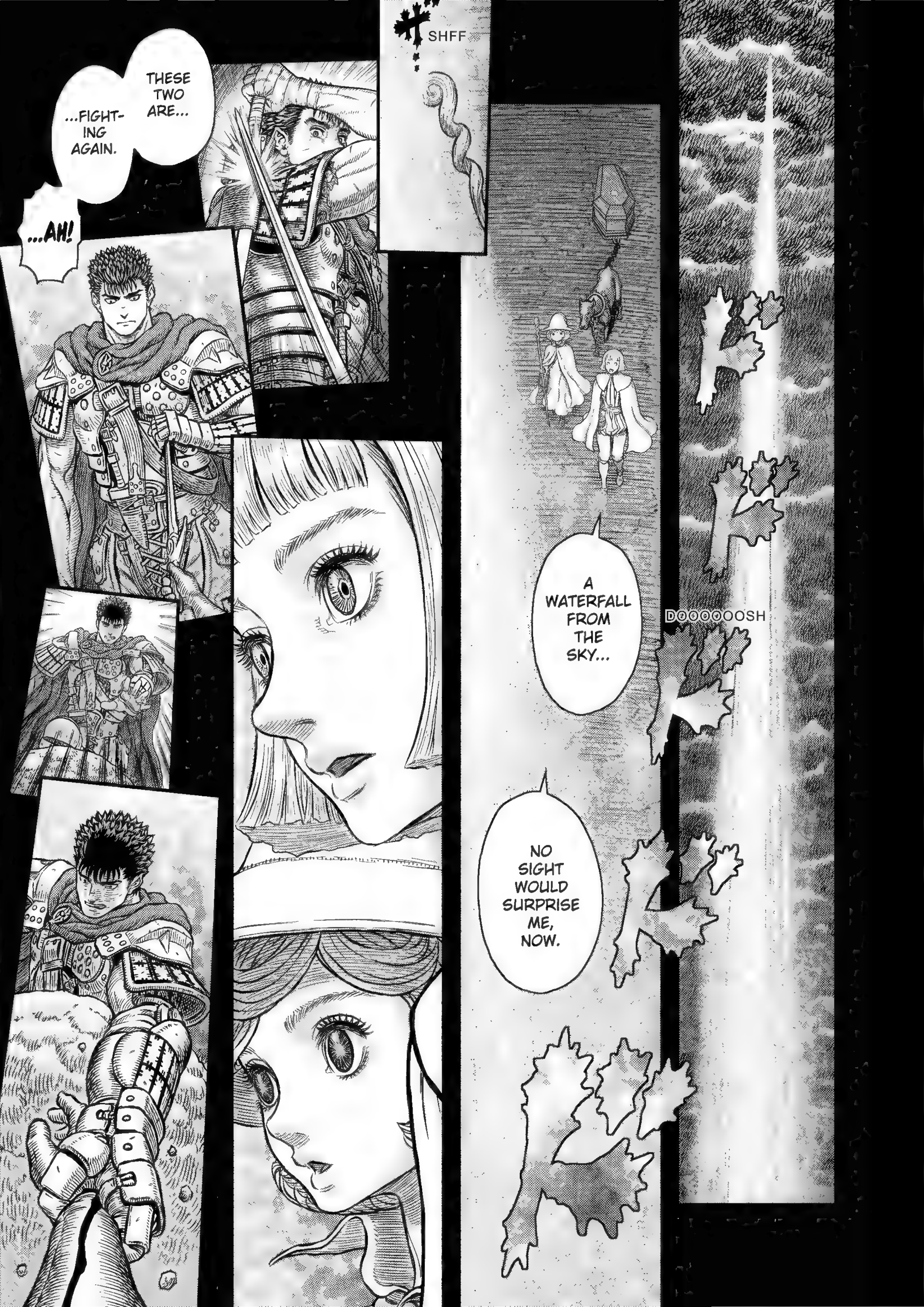

WHAT COULD THOSE BE?
PLANTS, MAYBE?
キリ
CHFF
SOME KIND OF BUG...
...IF I HAD TO SAY.
キリ
SKITTER
SKITTER
ガサ
CHK
SURE ENOUGH...!
ガサ
CHK
THEY'RE ATTACKING.
ガサ
CHK
バラ
SCATTER
ボコ
MOGGGH
ボコ
モー
BOK
モー
BOK
NOW'S OUR CHANCE!

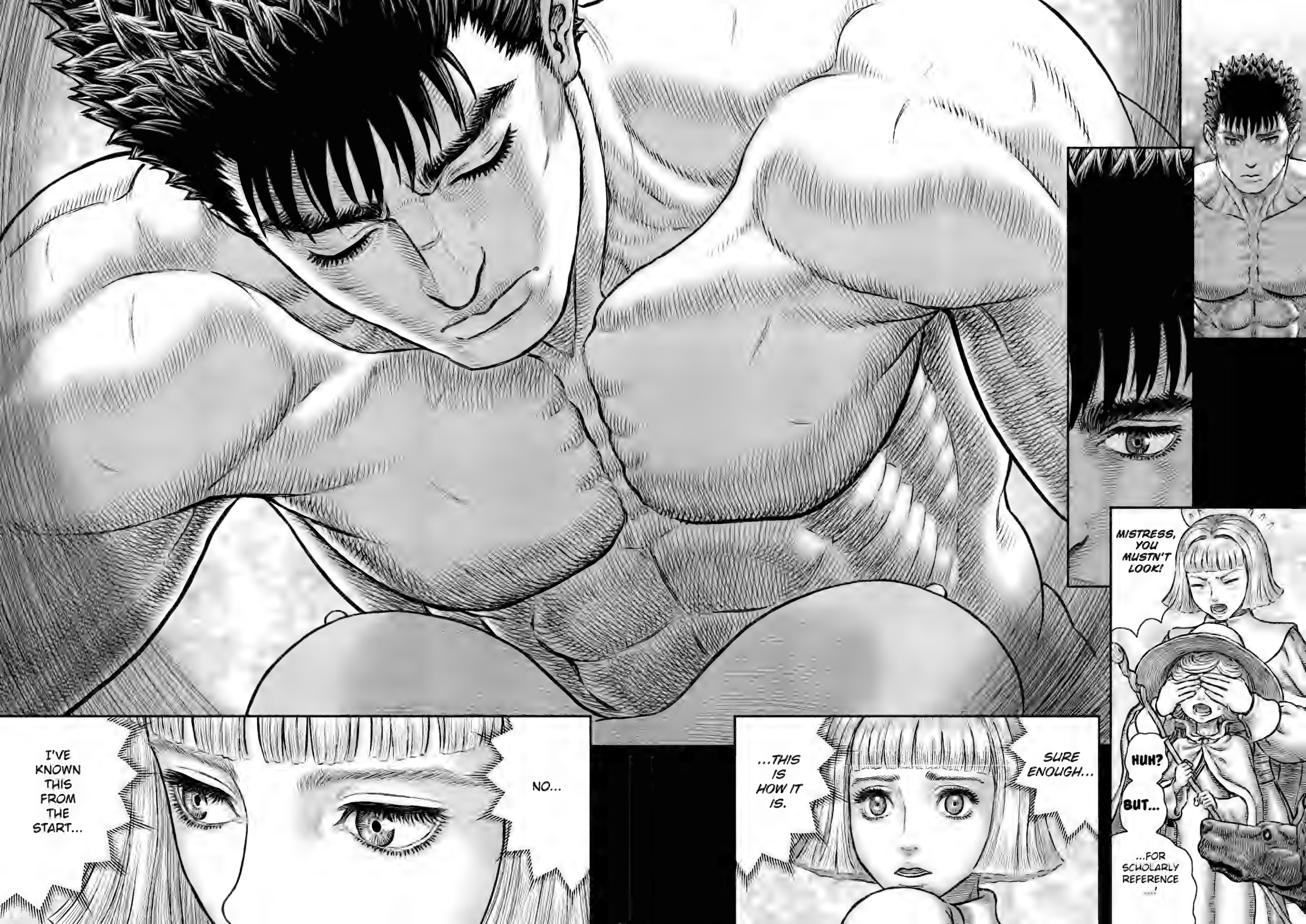

...A CHANDELIER...
...HANGING FROM THE SKY...
THAT'S A DREAM FOR YOU.
CHING
...THERE
A BANQUET?
SO MANY PEOPLE.
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
THE WHITE PHOENIX KNIGHTS!
WHITE PHOENIX GENERAL GRIFFITH!
BEWILDERMENT... SWELLING JOY.
A MOMENT OF GLORY WITH HER COMRADES.
BUT WHAT'S THIS ACHING RELUCTANCE?
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
TRACES OF ANXIETY AND LONELINESS?
CRASH
EH ...?!
HE JUST... COLLAPSED...
I FELT A JOLT.

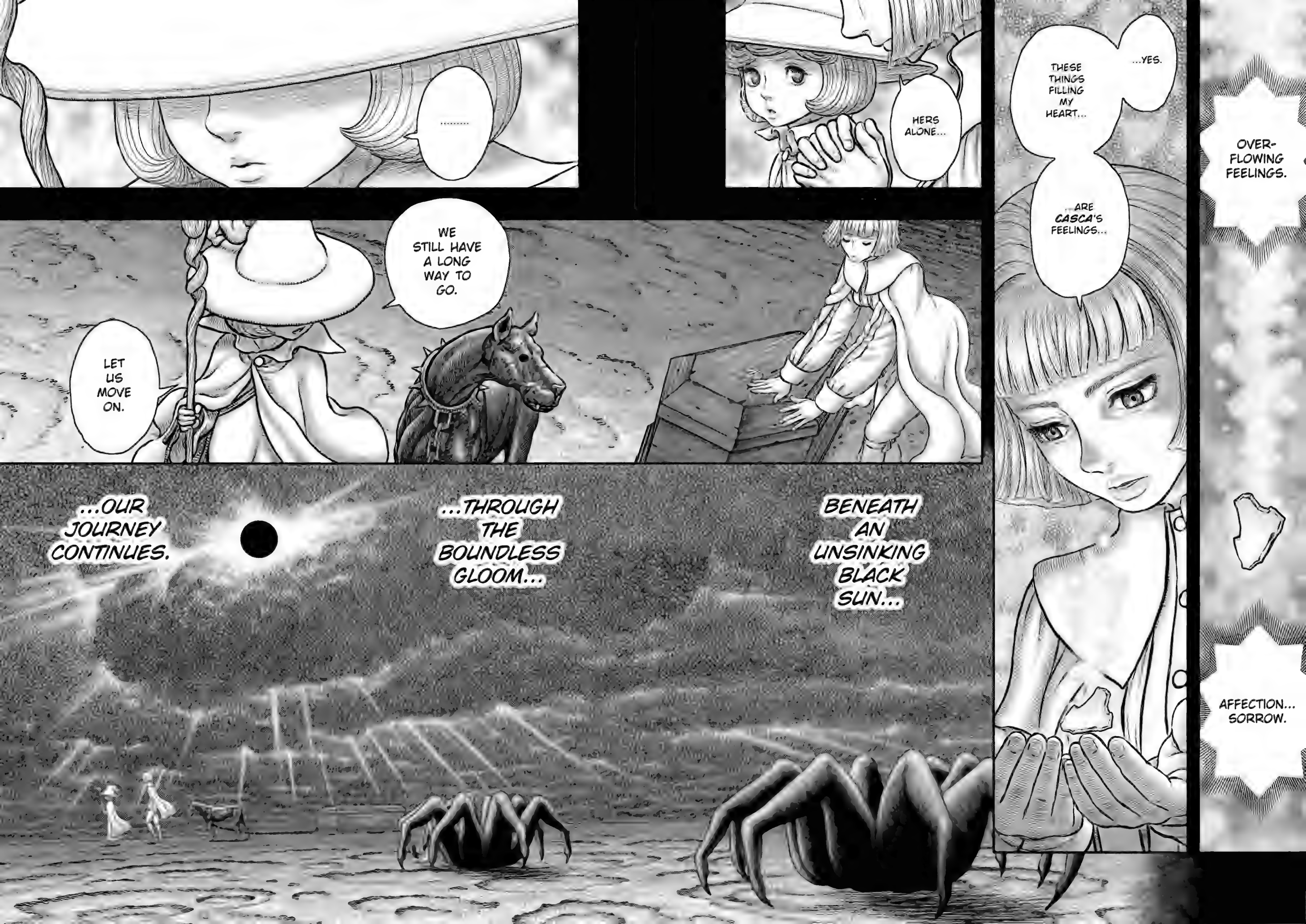

A CAVE ...?
FRUSTRATION AIMED AT GUTS.... AND JEALOUSY?
!
THIS FEELING IS...
WHY...?

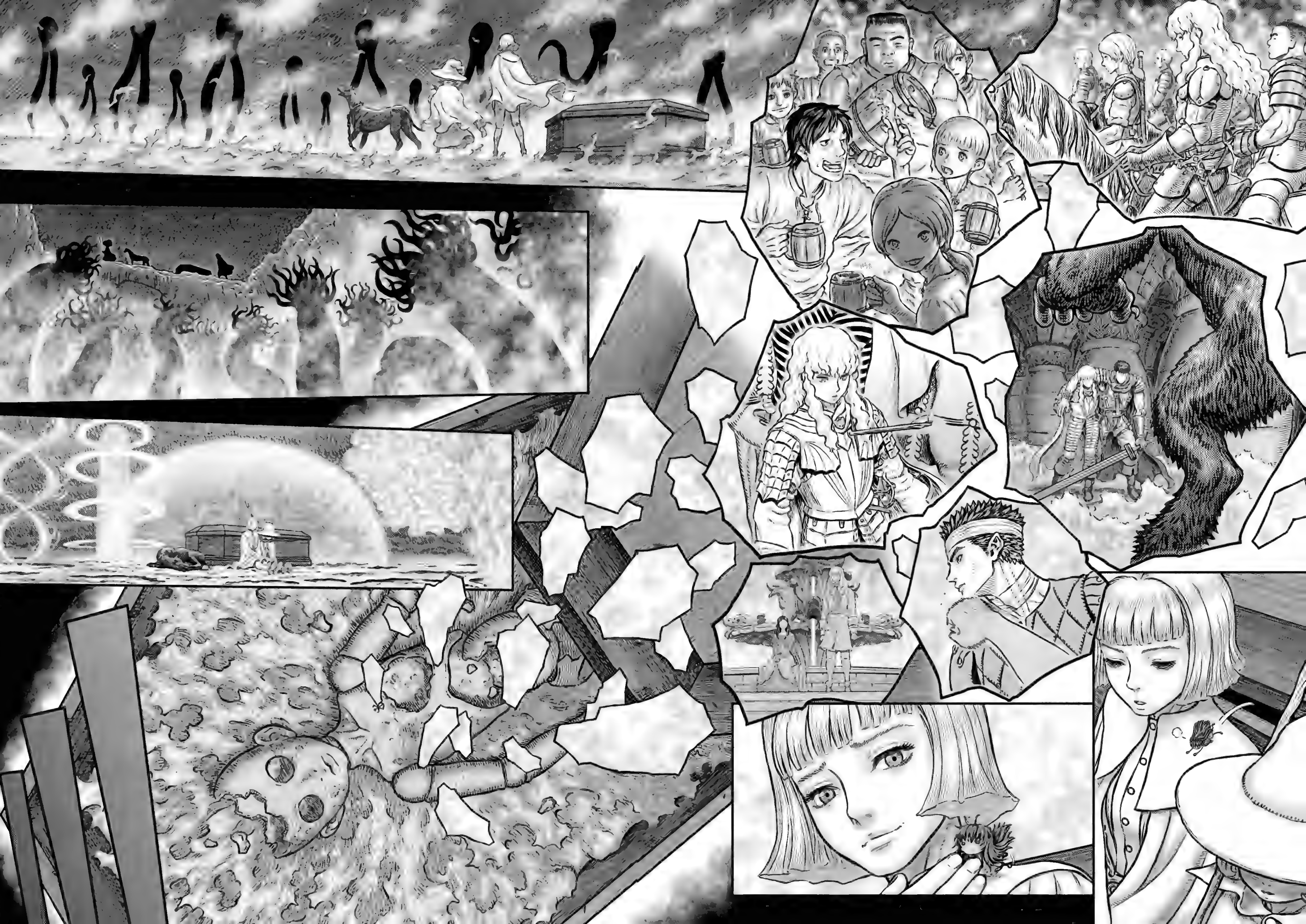

SNOW?
...A BROKEN SWORD.
!
THOSE TWO FIGHT ?!
...!
ズキ…
TWINGE
キィィン
CHINNNG
TAKE CARE.
GRIF-FITH...
GU--
HELPLESSLY UNABLE TO COME BETWEEN THEM...
SORROW ENOUGH TO REND HER HEART IN TWO.
GUTS...!
AND THIS FEELING WELLING UP...
...AS SHE STARES AT HIS BACK...
I KNEW IT.

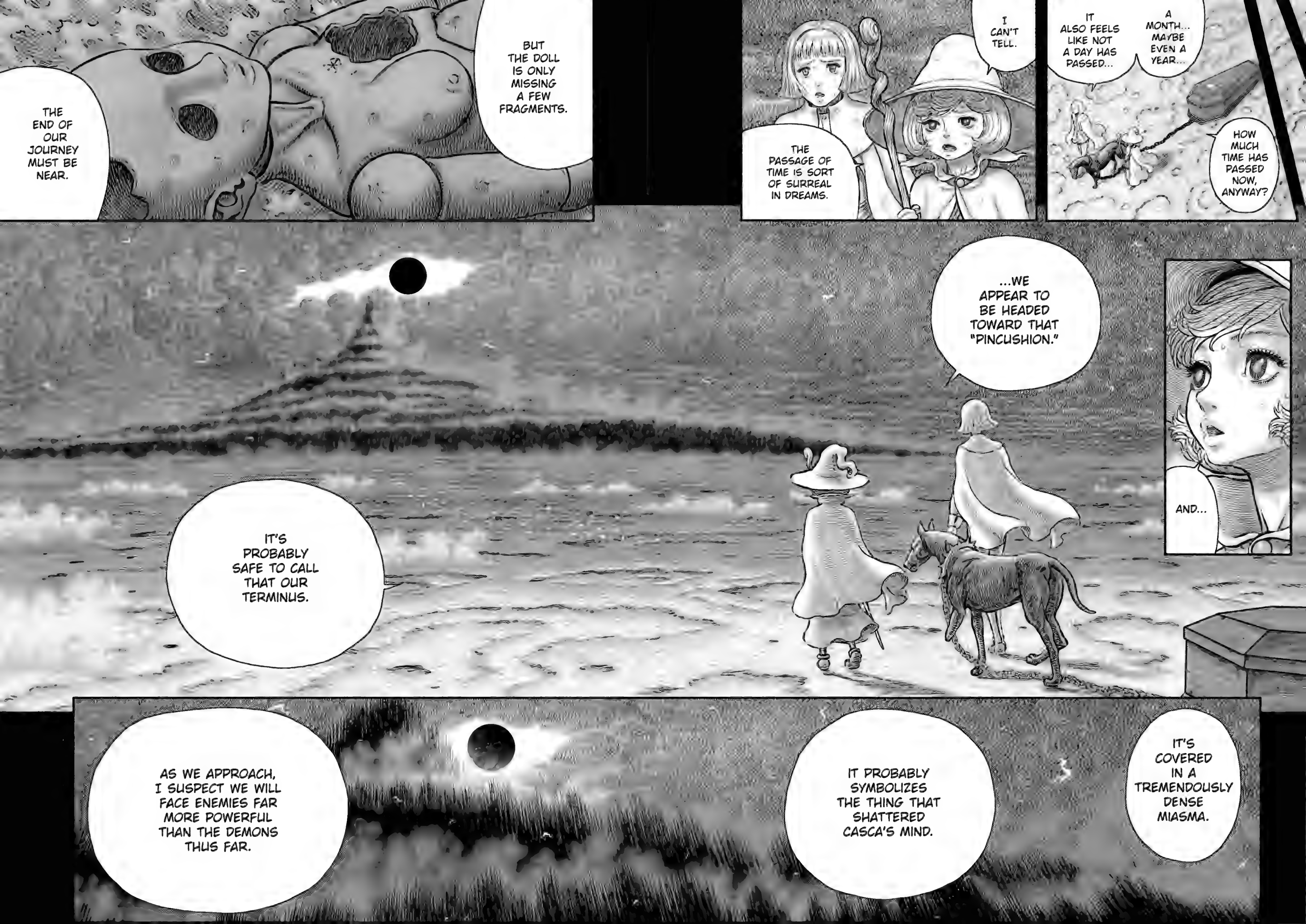

ビュウウ…ウウ…ウ…
WHRRRLLLL
HAIR BALLS...
ゴロ。
ROLL
ゴロ。
ROLL
ワシャ。
SWSSS
ワシャ。
SWSSS
C...
...CREEPY.
THEY MUST BE SOMETHING CASCA REJECTS VISCERALLY.
オ
ROWF
AP-PEAR...
キュポ
PLONK
...SWIFT-LY...
...LADY OF THE DEPTHS!
CHOOSH
SHAAAAA

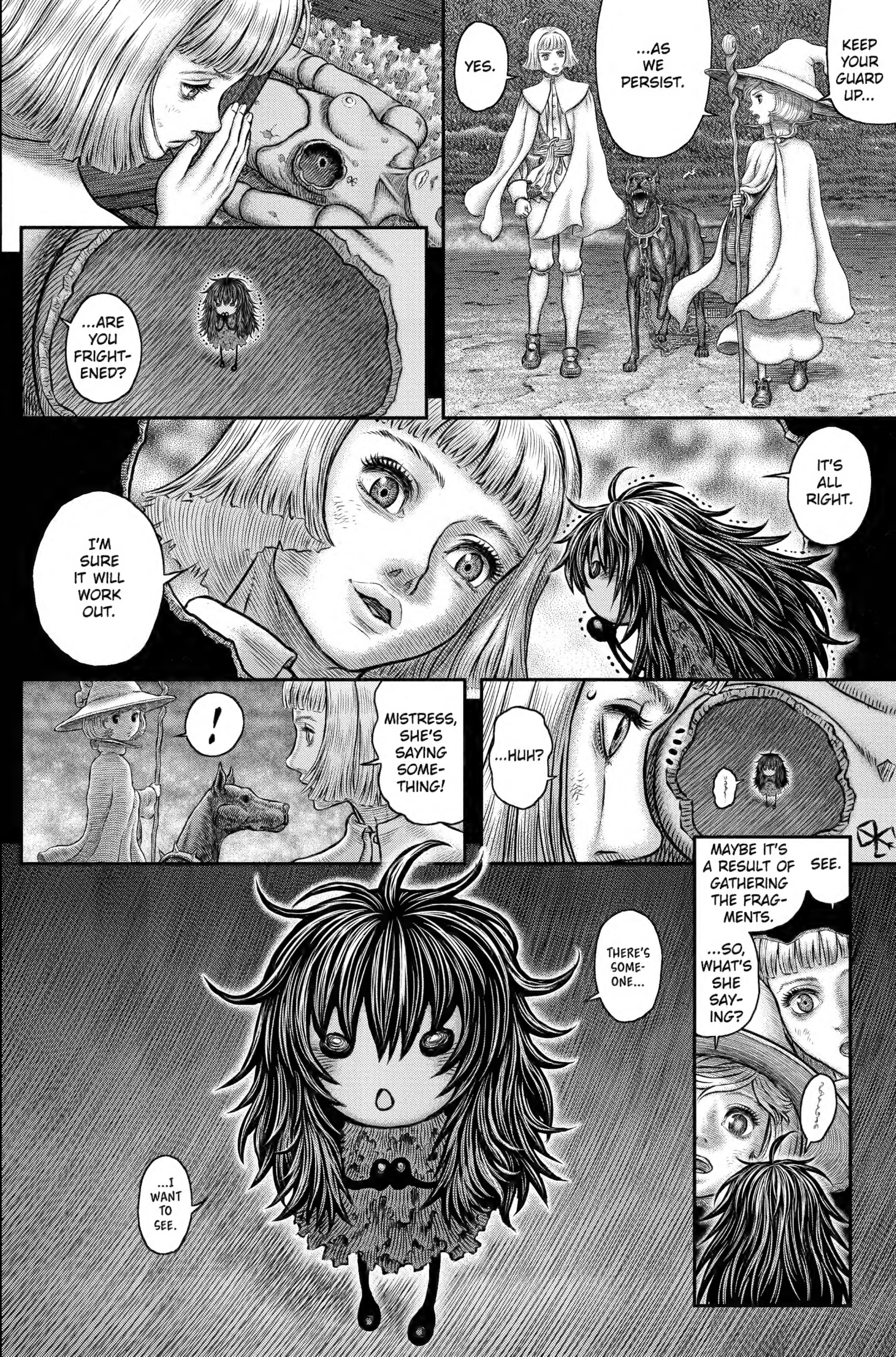

DOOOOOOSH
A WATERFALL FROM THE SKY...
NO SIGHT WOULD SURPRISE ME, NOW.
SHFF
THESE TWO ARE...
...FIGHTING AGAIN.
...AH!

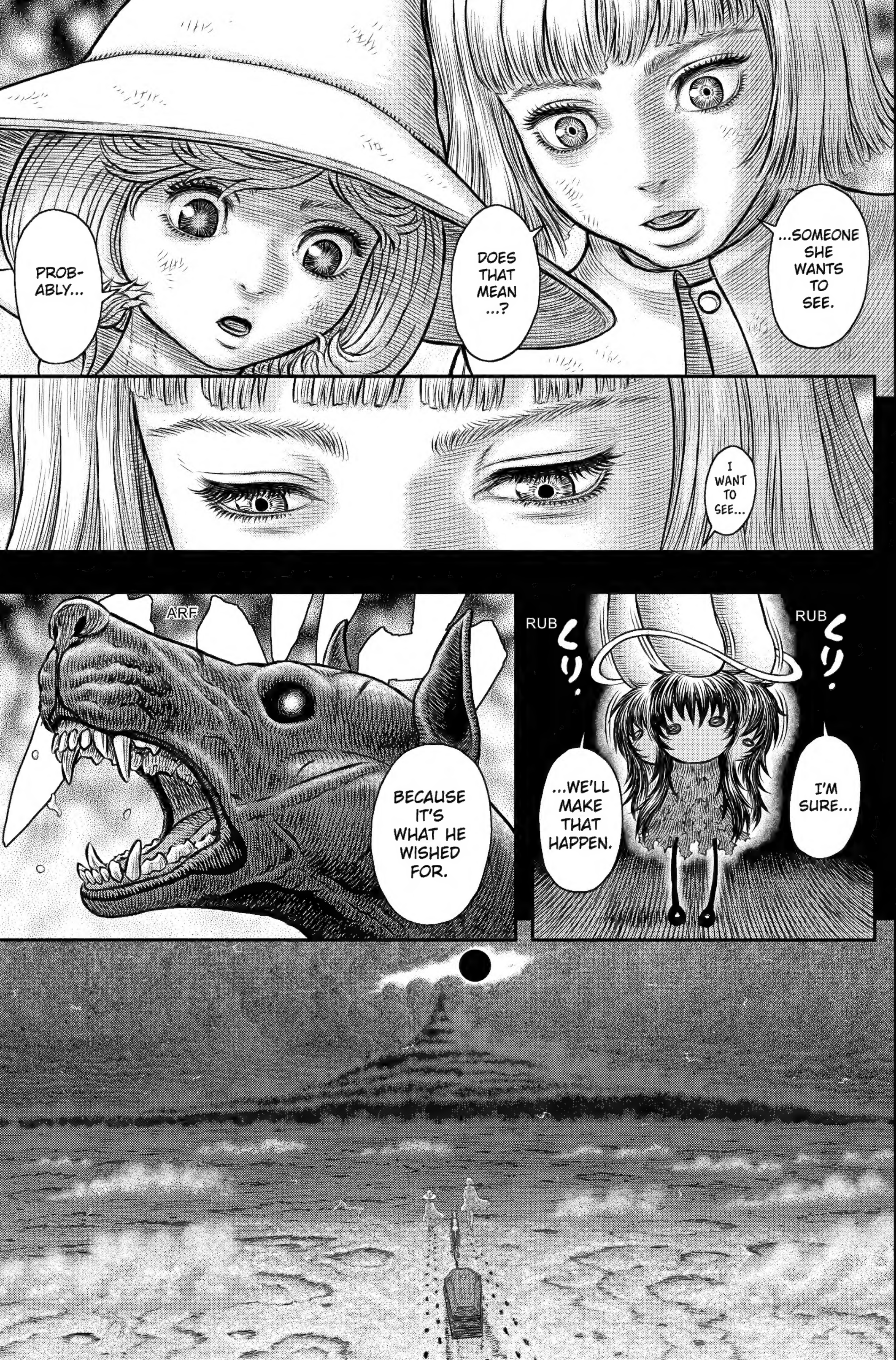

MISTRESS, YOU MUSTN'T LOOK!
HUH?
BUT...
...FOR SCHOLARLY REFERENCE...!
SURE ENOUGH...
...THIS IS HOW IT IS.
NO...
I'VE KNOWN THIS FROM THE START...


HERS ALONE...
...YES.
THESE THINGS FILLING MY HEART...
...ARE CASCA'S FEELINGS...
OVER-FLOWING FEELINGS.
AFFECTION... SORROW.
....
WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.
LET US MOVE ON.
BENEATH AN UNSINKING BLACK SUN...
...THROUGH THE BOUNDLESS GLOOM...
...OUR JOURNEY CONTINUES.




HOW MUCH TIME HAS PASSED NOW, ANYWAY?
A MONTH... MAYBE EVEN A YEAR...
IT ALSO FEELS LIKE NOT A DAY HAS PASSED...
I CAN'T TELL.
THE PASSAGE OF TIME IS SORT OF SURREAL IN DREAMS.
BUT THE DOLL IS ONLY MISSING A FEW FRAGMENTS.
THE END OF OUR JOURNEY MUST BE NEAR.
AND...
...WE APPEAR TO BE HEADED TOWARD THAT "PINCUSHION."
IT'S PROBABLY SAFE TO CALL THAT OUR TERMINUS.
IT'S COVERED IN A TREMENDOUSLY DENSE MIASMA.
IT PROBABLY SYMBOLIZES THE THING THAT SHATTERED CASCA'S MIND.
AS WE APPROACH, I SUSPECT WE WILL FACE ENEMIES FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN THE DEMONS THUS FAR.


KEEP YOUR GUARD UP...
...AS WE PERSIST.
YES.
...ARE YOU FRIGHTENED?
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I'M SURE IT WILL WORK OUT.
...HUH?
MISTRESS, SHE'S SAYING SOMETHING!
!
SEE.
MAYBE IT'S A RESULT OF GATHERING THE FRAGMENTS.
...SO, WHAT'S SHE SAYING?
THERE'S SOMEONE...
...I WANT TO SEE.


...SOMEONE SHE WANTS TO SEE.
DOES THAT MEAN ...?
PROBABLY...
I WANT TO SEE...
RUB くり
I'M SURE...
...WE'LL MAKE THAT HAPPEN.
RUB くり
ARF
BECAUSE IT'S WHAT HE WISHED FOR.

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